



## Spanish A-Level preparation 2020:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/spanish-7692>

Please **do at least two from each section:** Grammar, Culture and Language, Research

Immediately after (before you forget), complete the Sixth Form Induction Tasks Worksheet.

### Section 1: Grammar

In this section, please spend time brushing up on grammar, especially different tenses:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/level-Spanish-Revision-Practice-Workbook/dp/1510416722/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?dchild=1&keywords=spanish+a+level+grammar&qid=1584701277&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.co.uk/level-Spanish-Revision-Practice-Workbook/dp/1510416722/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=spanish+a+level+grammar&qid=1584701277&sr=8-3)

<https://conjuquemos.com/activities/spanish/grammar/1>

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/spanishindex.html#Grammar>

### Section 2: Culture and Language

Read some fictional novels in English that are set in Spain and tell you about Spanish history:

**Guernica** by Dave Boling

**Winter in Madrid** by C. J. Sansom

**Alberto's Lost Birthday** by Diana Rosie

**The Return** by Victoria Hislop

Read some **short stories and poems in Spanish**. All these have parallel texts in English included:

Short stories

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0140265414/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_U\\_wFqHEb50VJWD9](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0140265414/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_wFqHEb50VJWD9)

*Dawn of the Senses: Selected Poems of Alberto Blanco (City Lights Pocket Poets Series)*

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0872863093/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_U\\_WKqHEbXWVPNKA](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0872863093/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_WKqHEbXWVPNKA)

*Collected Poems of Lorca (FSG Classics)*

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0374526915/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_U\\_MGqHEbC842GV2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0374526915/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_MGqHEbC842GV2)

Watch a **Spanish TV/Netflix series either with Spanish audio or Spanish subtitles (or both)**. Please check age-rating before watching. Here are just a few suggestions. See link below for programme descriptions and a few more titles.



Vis a Vis (Locked Up)/Casa de Papel (Money Heist)/Elite/La Casa de las Flores (House of Flowers)/ Las Chicas del Cable (Cable Girls)/Gran Hotel (Grand Hotel)/Velvet

<https://www.oprahmag.com/entertainment/tv-movies/q26026225/spanish-shows-series-on-netflix/?slide=14>

Watch films by Pedro Almodóvar. We will be studying one of his films next year. Here are some suggestions, available to buy or rent on Prime Video:

- **Pain and Glory (Dolor y Gloria)** (2019) Available to buy or rent on utube or Prime video
- **Women on the verge of a Nervous Breakdown (Mujeres al Borde de un Ataque de Nervios)** (1988)
- **Julieta** (2016)

Watch a classic, Spanish film. Please check the age-rating before you watch it and please make a note of the title of the film and a brief synopsis. Here are some links to the top Spanish films on:

Netflix: <https://www.seconhalftravels.com/spanish-movies-netflix/>

Amazon Prime: <https://www.seconhalftravels.com/best-spanish-movies-amazon-prime-video/>

### Section 3: Research

See link below to various Spanish websites for news and personal interest topics. Choose a website. Research, read and watch videos on a news item or a topic of interest to you (in a hispanic context). Please feedback the website used and topic/news item chosen.

<http://blog.readlang.com/ultimate-guide-to-spanish-websites-for-beginners-to-practice-reading/>

Read this article from the Guardian as your starting point for your own research on the film director Pedro Almodóvar. Please create a large detailed spider diagram of information and pictures about this famous Spanish film director.

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2019/aug/13/pedro-almodovar-interview-pain-and-glory-deep-down-i-know>

To prepare for some of the topics you will study at the beginning of the A level course:

- a) **El Ciberespacio** - Please read the article from El País below on advancements in Technology in LatinoAmerica. In English, summarise what you have understood and now, if possible, do your own research about how technology has changed life in Spain and other spanish-speaking countries in recent times:

[https://elpais.com/internacional/2017/10/20/america/1508518936\\_473181.html](https://elpais.com/internacional/2017/10/20/america/1508518936_473181.html)



b) Los Valores Tradicionales y Modernos - For us to better understand the present, it is essential we understand the past. For forty years Spain had a dictatorship (1939-1975). Please research the **Franco Dictatorship**, looking specifically at the traditional values it promoted. Areas to look at: family values, women's rights, men's roles, the Catholic church etc.