



A-Level Spanish

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Criteria: GCSE Spanish Grade 6

Overview

A-Level Spanish advances linguistic skills and fosters critical thinking about Spanish-speaking cultures. Course topics include:

- **Language and Society:** Analyzing texts, films, and other materials in Spanish, with a focus on social and cultural context.
- **Transferable Skills:** Develops autonomy, creativity, resourcefulness, and cognitive flexibility.

Skills Required: Strong language skills, critical thinking, and an interest in Spanish-speaking cultures.



Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, Reading, and Writing

- **Duration:** 2.5 hours
- **Marks:** 100
- **Weighting:** 50% of A-Level

Paper 2: Writing

- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Marks:** 80
- **Weighting:** 20% of A-Level

Paper 3: Speaking

- **Duration:** 21-23 minutes (5 minutes prep)
- **Marks:** 60
- **Weighting:** 30% of A-Level



Super-curricular resources

- **El Pais**, a Spanish newspaper has its own website *EL PAÍS: el periódico global* so that you can read the paper online. You do not have to read the paper cover to cover, just scan the headlines and pick out ONE article that grabs your attention.
- **20minutos.es** | El medio social | Última hora, local, España y el mundo
- In Spain there is also a news website for young people: **Primeras Noticias – Red de jóvenes periodistas**. It has sections on the Internet and Mobile Technology; Science and Wildlife; Education; Culture; Sport; Society and Health.



Recommended Resources

1. **TV and Media:** Spanish news (RTVE.es), Spanish MasterChef, vocabulary journals.
2. **Newspapers and Magazines:** El País and other Spanish news outlets.
3. **Twitter Resources:** Sign up to Twitter and register to a feed that tweets a word or so a day. A word a day is a fantastic way of building your vocabulary.

Here are some to choose from:

- **@SpanishDict** - Learn Spanish on the web. Tweets a random Spanish word frequently with the translation.
- **@VamosSpanish** – A word a day goes a long way!

Use this online resource to enhance your Spanish learning and ask questions. Tweets words and phrases and translates them. Also tweets other facts and grammar.

- **@EduLearnSpanish** – Learn 3 new words a day on Twitter!
- **@SpanishWords4U** – Spanish Word A Day and computer programs to learn Spanish. Tweets a new Spanish word everyday with example sentences.
- **@LL_Spanish** – Learn Spanish with words & phrases of the day from Living Language! Tweets Spanish phrases, words, articles and more.



Career Progression

Like French, Spanish opens doors in **humanities, law, business, marketing**, and various other fields. Many universities offer combined or study-abroad programs, and Spanish proficiency stands out in a globalized job market.

Both **A-Level French** and **Spanish** provide foundational language skills for careers in diverse fields and enable students to communicate and engage with broader communities worldwide. They are especially valuable for students interested in international relations, business, law, and travel-related industries.