

# AS – Español



## Preparation materials

¡Bienvenidos a AS en español!

This booklet contains suggestions how you can prepare yourself to make a confident start in AS Spanish after your GCSEs.

In this booklet you will find a Spanish grammar test which you will sit in September.

In order to have a great start please prepare for the test in advance and aim for full marks.

#### Recommended Spanish Grammar book:

**¡Acción Gramática! New Advanced Spanish Grammar** by Phil Turk and Mike Zollo. Hodder Education (30 Jun 2006).  
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### TO WORK ON YOUR LISTENING

You should select a short audio or video clip from the Internet. Play the clips at least three times and write a brief summary in Spanish (it needn't be any longer than 50 words) with a vocabulary list of at least 10 words. These could be key words or they could be words that are new to you and had to be looked up.

It is easier to start with short news bulletins. Video clips are ideal as they are easier to understand. Start with shorter clips and then when you feel ready, you could choose a radio programme from the Radio station websites listed below.

#### Spanish news

- [www.euronews.net](http://www.euronews.net) : Select language 'español' and then choose from a wide variety of news videos.
- [www.20minutos.es/](http://www.20minutos.es/)
- [es.news.yahoo.com/](http://es.news.yahoo.com/) : Follow the link to **Video Noticias** for three-minute news clips.
- [es.noticias.yahoo.com/](http://es.noticias.yahoo.com/)

#### Spanish TV channel websites:

- [www.broadcast-live.com/television/spanish.html](http://www.broadcast-live.com/television/spanish.html)
- [www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

### For news, browse for videos at:

- [www.canalsur.es](http://www.canalsur.es): Click on the link to TV "en directo" (live) and you will be able to watch the channel on streaming video.

### For celebrity gossip....

<http://www.hola.com/>

### Spanish radio on-line

- me.es: Radio Nacional de Espana
- *Radio 1* es la radio generalista de RNE. Sus programas llegan a todos los publicos. Noticias, entretenimiento, cultura, deportes ...
- *Radio 3* es la radio más joven, la preocupada por los temas de la juventud. Musica, cine, teatro, libros, debates ...
- *Radio 5* es la radio dedicada al mundo de la actualidad, con noticias durante las 24 horas del día, todos los días del año.
- *Radio Exterior de Espana (REE)* es la voz de RNE en el exterior, la que difunde la cultura y la que acerca a los pueblos.
- [www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm](http://www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm): Select a radio station from the list.
- [www.topradio.es/](http://www.topradio.es/): Easy listening music radio station for Spanish and English / American pop music
- [www.lyngsat.com/freeradio/Spain.html](http://www.lyngsat.com/freeradio/Spain.html): Selection of the most important radio channels

### Newspapers

- a List of newspapers:
- [www.Mediatico.com](http://www.Mediatico.com)
- [www.elmundo.es](http://www.elmundo.es)
- [www.20minutos.es](http://www.20minutos.es)
- [www.elpais.es](http://www.elpais.es)
- [www.diariosur.es](http://www.diariosur.es)

### Podcasts and blogs

- <http://ssl4you.blogspot.com/>
- <http://andale-profe.blogspot.com/>

### Music

- <http://www.musica.com/>

## TO WORK ON YOUR READING

An excellent resource for revision is the electronic magazine "Tecla" (<http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido3>). It contains a wealth of exercises with their answers in a variety of topics. You can also listen to some recordings. *You are strongly advised to do some work using this outstanding resource.*

Otherwise, browse the net (see addresses below) and select an article which interests you. Read it carefully and select at least 10 new pieces of vocabulary to look up. The choice of topic area is limitless. The temptation may be to pick an article on fashion, but you should avoid doing this every week as they are not so easy to understand. It is a good idea to vary the topic area and to choose articles related to the syllabus topics so that you encounter a variety of vocabulary.

- [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news)
- The best place to start is the BBC's languages web-pages. Choose the "**Reportajes**" link to find articles from the former "**Semanario Internet**" with a variety of reading exercises. The articles are archived into topic areas that relate to the AS and A level syllabus.
- Some of them include audio clips so you can base your listening task on the same topic.
- [www.elmundo.es](http://www.elmundo.es): Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to all of the day's news articles.
- [www.elpais.es](http://www.elpais.es): Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to the day's news articles although you may require a subscription to view the majority of the articles in full.
- [es.news.yahoo.com/](http://es.news.yahoo.com/)
- [www.abc.es/](http://www.abc.es/): On-line Spanish daily news.
- [www.terra.es](http://www.terra.es): On-line Spanish daily news.
- [www.hola.com](http://www.hola.com): Spanish celebrity gossip magazine. Subscription required to view some of the articles.
- [www.terra.es](http://www.terra.es) ( archive news)
- [www.marca.es](http://www.marca.es) (sport)
- [www.estrelladigital.es](http://www.estrelladigital.es)

### Spanish films:

- **Pan's Labyrinth** (2006) –*El laberinto del Fauno* Guillermo del Toro skillfully combines the genres of fantasy, historical fiction and horror in this film.
- **The Motorcycle Diaries** (2004) *Diarios de una motocicleta* Argentine film that tells the based-on-real-life story of a young Che Guevara, who went on a long motorcycle trip across South America with close friend.
- **Camino** (2008)- Story about how Catholicism (Opus Dei) influences life and death of a girl.
- **Paper Birds** (2010) *Pájaros de papel* (Emilio Aragón) - Set during the Spanish Civil War, an emotional and tender story of friendship and survival in desperate times.
- **El Bola** (2000)(Acheró Mañas). El Bola a.k.a. "Pellet" is a 12 year old boy raised in a violent and sordid environment.
- **The Orphanage** (2007) *El Orfanato* Horror film

## PREPARATION TEST

### Preterite/Imperfect revision

#### 1. Elige la forma del verbo que te parezca correcta en las frases siguientes.

- Por fortuna (había/hubo) un doctor muy cerca cuando (se cayó/se caía) en la calle.
- El profesor nuevo (entró/entraba) en la clase. (Llevaba/Llevó) unas gafas enormes.
- Siempre la misma historia. (Se comió/Se comía) la cena y (se fue/ se iba)
- Anoche (llamé/llamaba) a Miguel pero no (estuvo/estaba).
- Todos los días (me acosté/me acostaba) a medianoche y (me levanté/me levantaba) a las seis y media.

#### 2. Make the adjectives in the following agree with the noun...

1. La hermana de Enrique es muy \_\_\_\_\_. (simpático)
2. Hay un estanque \_\_\_\_\_ en el Retiro. (famoso)
3. El profesor tiene muchos amigos \_\_\_\_\_. (inglés)
4. Compramos manzanas en un puesto \_\_\_\_\_. (azul)
5. Estamos estudiando unos libros muy \_\_\_\_\_. (fácil)
6. El padre de Manuel tiene árboles \_\_\_\_\_ en el jardín. (espléndido)
7. Hay \_\_\_\_\_ botella de gaseosa en la sala. (otro)
8. La madre de Mercedes compra flores \_\_\_\_\_ en la calle. (bonito)

#### 3. Replace the subject in the following by the new subject given, making the verb agree accordingly.

1. Pablo vive en Barcelona.  
Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Yo abro la puerta del despacho.  
Usted \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Los hombres suben la escalera.  
Tú \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ¿Quién recibe muchas cartas de España?  
Carmen y María \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Enrique hace mucho ruido en clase.  
Yo \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Escribimos una novela interesante.  
Vosotros \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Salen del piso de prisa.  
Yo \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Tú estás abriendo la ventana.  
Ella \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Common Mistakes – Correct each sentence by the number of mistakes indicated**

1. Me encantan las páginas webs que me venderán cosas. (1)
2. Un día no pude accesar el internet. (2)
3. Pienso que tendríamos el internet en los trenes porque sería útil por un número de razones. (restructure)
4. Todas la gente usan la red. (2)
5. El problema es puede crear un adicción. (2)
6. Si se puede conectar al internet, los vijaes serían más divertidos. (1)
7. Y para esta razón, los trenes deben tener internet. (1)
8. Por ejemplo, usando el internet en el tren, ayudaría a los pasajeros. (1)
9. Necesitaba conocer si mi colegio estaba abierto. (1)
10. Unos blogs tienen gente son pedófilos. (2)

**5. Completa con un diccionario la lista de estos verbos regulares**

-AR		-ER		-IR	
Amar	<i>To love</i>	Aprender		Abrir	
Bailar		Beber		Admitir	
Buscar		Comer		Cubrir	
Cantar		Cometer (un error)		Decidir	
Comprar		Comprender		Describir	
Escuchar		Correr		Descubrir	
Esperar		Creer		Discutir	
Estudiar		Deber		Escribir	
Hablar		Leer		Existir	
Llegar		Meter (en)		Permitir	
Llevar		Poseer		Recibir	
Mirar		Romper		Subir	
Practicar		Temer		Sufrir	
Preparar		Vender		Unir	
Tocar				Vivir	
Tomar					
Trabajar					

## 6. Traduce al español

1. I will visit some castles in Spain next summer.

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2. You will come with me on holidays.

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3. We will wear shorts every day and we will put sunscreen on our legs.

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4. They will not burn.

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5. We will write you postcards.

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