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## SPANISH A LEVEL

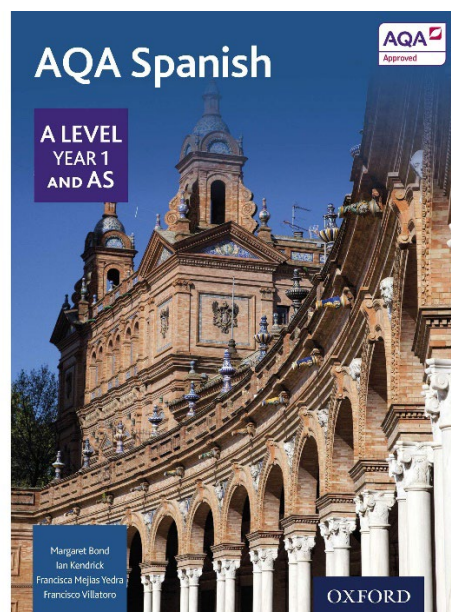
## TRANSITION WORK PART 1.

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

¡Hola chicos! To get you ready to start your Spanish course next September we have put together several activities for you to complete during the summer.

Make sure you complete all the tasks to the best of your ability and have them ready for submission in your first lesson in September.

¡Buena suerte!



# Actividad 1: El curso

Read through the list of themes we will study and translate them into English. Use a dictionary to help if you need it.

Aspects of Hispanic society	
Spanish	English Translation
<i>Los valores tradicionales y modernos)</i>	• Modern and traditional values
• <i>Los cambios en la familia</i>	
• <i>Actitudes hacia el matrimonio/el divorcio</i>	
• <i>La influencia de la Iglesia Católica</i>	
<i>El ciberespacio</i>	• Cyberspace
• <i>La influencia de internet</i>	
• <i>Las redes sociales: beneficios y peligros</i>	
• <i>Los móviles inteligentes en nuestra sociedad</i>	
<i>La igualdad de los sexos</i>	• Equal rights
• <i>La mujer en el mercado laboral</i>	
• <i>El machismo y el feminismo</i>	
• <i>Los derechos de los gays y las personas transgénero</i>	
Artistic culture in the Spanish-speaking world	
Spanish	English Translation
<i>La influencia de los ídolos</i>	• Modern day idols
• <i>Cantantes y músicos</i>	
• <i>Estrellas de televisión y cine</i>	
• <i>Modelos</i>	
<i>La identidad regional en España</i>	• Spanish regional identity
• <i>Tradiciones y costumbres</i>	
• <i>La gastronomía</i>	
• <i>Las lenguas</i>	
<i>El patrimonio cultural</i>	• Cultural heritage
• <i>Sitios turísticos y civilizaciones prehispánicas: Machu Picchu, la Alhambra, etc</i>	
• <i>Arte y arquitectura</i>	
• <i>El patrimonio musical y su diversidad</i>	

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## Actividad 2: Inmersión

Choose at least three of the following activities to get used to being immersed in the language.

### 2.1 Películas:

Watch a Spanish film (suggestions below)

- Volver (Pedro Almodóvar)
- Todo sobre mi madre (Pedro Almodóvar)
- Mar adentro (Alejandro Amenábar)
- The Motorcycle Diaries (Walter Salles)
- Ocho Apellidos Vascos (Emilio Martínez-Lázaro)
- El Laberinto del Fauno (Guillermo del Toro)
- María llena eres de gracia (Joshua Marston)
- Abel (Diego Luna)
- Las 13 Rosas (Emilio Martínez-Lázaro)

### 2. 3 Netflix:

Watch a Spanish-language series (suggestions below – some contain bad language, adult themes!)

- MONEY HEIST
- ELITE
- ¿QUIEN MATÓ A SARA?
- WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS
- VELVET
- LAS CHICAS DEL CABLE

### 2.3 Páginas web:

Familiarise yourself with some useful Spanish websites. Visit them every day.

[www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

[www.ver-taal.com](http://www.ver-taal.com)

<https://mfl.jimdo.com/resources/spanish/>

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

<http://languagesresources.co.uk/SpanishA2Topics.html>

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

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

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

<http://www.espanish.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.com/mundo>

<https://www.20minutos.es/>

<https://elpais.com/>

[www.dailymotion.com/es](http://www.dailymotion.com/es)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAL4AMMMXKxHDu3FqZV6CbQ?fbclid=IwAR1p4cRRZo9uW9CwBdfjaF3jWF-zuJNRYSO4w6K8AP8WlfA6AlNSKpHVHwQ>

<https://radiolingua.com/coffeebreakspanish/>

[https://gb.ivoox.com/en/podcast-podcast-aprender-espanol-learn-spanish-podcast\\_sq\\_f1383122\\_1.html](https://gb.ivoox.com/en/podcast-podcast-aprender-espanol-learn-spanish-podcast_sq_f1383122_1.html)

[http://recursosdidacticos.es/textos/listado\\_audiolecturas.php](http://recursosdidacticos.es/textos/listado_audiolecturas.php)

<https://www.profedelee.es/categoria/actividad/podcast/>

<http://www.trentu.ca/academic/modernlanguages/spanish/masarriba/>

<https://eledeeli.wordpress.com/2015/07/26/paginas-webs-para-practicar-espanol/>

<https://www.hoyhablamos.com/category/podcasts-aprender-espanol/>

<https://superespanol.com/podcasts-para-aprender-espanol/>

<https://www.spanishpodcast.net/listado-episodios/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMDU8QaSKdk>

<https://www.lengalia.com/es/aprender-espanol-gratis/podcasts.html>

<https://www.hellotalk.com/>

## 2.3 Redes sociales:

### Sign up to Twitter

Sign up to Twitter for authentic text that you can quickly flick through. They will help you pick up the language even when lazily browsing twitter. Some ideas are:

@LaFraseDelDia\_ - Más que palabras. A Spanish site which tweets inspirational sayings for each day.

@spanishlanguage - Official Twitter account for Transparent Language Spanish. Learn the language with free resources, social media, and research-based software that works. Tweets expressions, phrases, words and articles in Spanish.

@spanishaddicts - El español de la calle (typical spoken spanish). Esto no son simples traducciones literales, es mucho más que eso. Spanish phrases, vocab, articles and more.

@spanishxxx2 - Free Spanish Sentences Vocabulary Pronunciation Grammar Tests. Tweets vocab, articles, and quizzes.

@muyinteresante - Revista de ciencia, historia, tecnología, salud, psicología, innovación y curiosidades. A Spanish news organisation that tweets in Spanish only. Great for practicing your reading skills.

Follow Pictoline on social media

Join MFL Clips with Subtitles on Facebook

Join Quizlet and practice GCSE vocab

## 2.4 Música:

Listen to the radio in Spanish – listen online.

<http://www.los40.com/> is the website for the Spanish top 40.

<http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio3/>

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

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

Shakira, Alejandro Sanz, Juanes, La Oreja de Van Gogh, Melendi.

## 2.5 Libros:

Try reading a (short) book in Spanish. You might want to start with something you've read in English before (Harry Potter etc) or try a bilingual book with parallel texts in both languages. Magazines are also good; choose things that are interesting to you.

Take a look on [www.Amazon.es](http://www.Amazon.es) or

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=parallel+text+spanish&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=parallel+text+spanish&ref=nb_sb_noss_1)

**TOP TIP: Don't look up every word you are not sure of when reading an article/ book**

Yep... you read that right. When you are reading articles etc, try not to look up every word as it will take you forever. Skim and scan the text to get the gist. Remember to use the context or the article, cognates and common sense to figure out what the article is saying. Pick out a couple of words that you like the look of, that you feel may be real hurdles to getting the idea of the text, look them up carefully and add them to your vocab booklet. The aim at this stage is to get the gist of the article, not be able to translate it completely. Translation is a whole different ball game and you will learn it soon enough. You will be surprised how much more enjoyable reading will be if you really pay attention to this tip.



## Actividad 3: Traducción

Complete the translation to the best of your ability. Try to do this without help.



How family life in Spain has changed  
Read this text for background information:

**Spain has been a progressive country in terms of legalising same sex marriage. New laws have allowed gay couples to have the same rights as heterosexual married couples. Same sex marriage is now an integral part of Spanish society and the fact that Spain is now more secular than ever means more and more people are choosing to have civil weddings rather than get married in a church. Young people go to church less than before and its role and importance in society is diminishing. Nonetheless, in all regions of Spain, lots of people still declare themselves as Catholic and still prefer to get married with a religious ceremony in a church. Just because the political situation is secular doesn't mean that all citizens have changed their religious beliefs. Spain still remains, above all, a country that respects the Catholic faith.**



Translate this text into English:

**La triste realidad en España es que las parejas se separan cada vez más. La tradición de los dichos "matrimonios para toda la vida" es del pasado. Cuando una pareja no funciona y hay una ruptura, la convivencia se hace imposible y lo más conveniente es divorciarse y hacerlo de la mejor y de la forma más rápida posible. La Ley del Divorcio se aprobó en España en 1981. Hasta el año 2005, el modelo de divorcio se consideraba como un último recurso para esas parejas que se hubieran separado y llevado un largo período de tiempo separados. Antes, se exigían al menos 2 años de separación antes de poder comenzar el proceso legal del divorcio. A partir del año 2005, con una reforma importante, la Ley del Divorcio pretende reflejar el valor de la libertad en el matrimonio y el Divorcio Express permite que los cónyuges no tengan que exponer ningún motivo para la ruptura, como antes, ya que es suficiente decir que quieren separarse. Con el Divorcio Express, dentro de tres meses se puede presentar todos los documentos, terminar los trámites y conseguir la anulación del matrimonio.**





## Actividad 4: Investigación

Choose a personal area of interest related to Spain or a Spanish-speaking country and prepare a short presentation (3-5 mins) of what you have found. This can include photos, an ICT presentation etc. Examples might be a festival, person (current or historical), landmark etc.

# Actividad 5: Gramática

Complete this self-assessment of grammatical terms in Spanish

	DON'T KNOW	NEED TO LEARN	QUITE CONFIDENT	FULLY CONFIDENT
Nouns: gender, singular and plural forms				
Articles: definite (el, la...), indefinite (un, una)				
Adjectives: agreements (fem, pl...)				
Position/word order				
comparative and superlative (más, menos, el más.)				
comparative and superlative irregular (mejor...)				
indefinite ( <i>cada, algunos, algunas</i> )				
possessive (mi ti...)				
interrogative ( <i>¿qué?, ¿cuál?, ¿cuáles?...</i> )				
Adverbs: comparative and superlative				
interrogative ( <i>¿cómo? ¿cuándo?</i> )				
Quantifiers/intensifiers ( <i>muy, bastante...</i> )				
Pronouns: Subject (yo, tú...)				
object: direct and indirect (lo, las, les...)				
position and order (te veo)				
reflexive (me, te...)				
relative ( <i>que,</i> )				
relative: <i>lo que, la que</i> (R)				
object: direct and indirect				
indefinite (alguien)				
possessive ( <i>el mío, la mía...</i> ) (R)				
interrogative ( <i>¿Quién? ¿quiénes?</i> )				
interrogative ( <i>¿qué?</i> ) (R)				
Verbs: modes of address ( <i>tú, vosotros, usted</i> )				
verbs + infinitive				
verbs + infinitive + preposition				
Verbs + - me gusta/me interesa etc				
Verbs + de ( <i>acabo de</i> )				
negatives (no, nunca, jamás...)				
Present (regular)				
Present (irregular)				
Perfect				
Perfect with reflexives				
Imperfect				
Near Future (voy a + infinitive)				

Future				
Conditional				
Future perfect (habrá hecho...) (R)				
Conditional perfect (habría salido...) (R)				
Pluperfect (había llegado..)				
Present participle (comiendo...)				
Subjunctive mood (how to form it)				
Subjunctive mood (which expressions trigger it?)				

I hope this guide helps you to keep up with your Spanish. It is very important that you do 20 to 30 minutes every day, so you don't forget your Spanish.

Vocabulary and grammar are key to success at A-level. Make sure you are confident with GCSE grammar and vocabulary.

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND  
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!**

**¡HASTA PRONTO!**