

A-level Spanish transition!

The following pages have just some of the fun and interesting ways that you can prepare for your Spanish A-level. For each activity, follow the QR code on your device, or access the document on the VLE so that you can follow the links instead.

Build these into your daily routine so that you are practising every day!

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Quizlet



Quizlet is my favourite way to learn new vocabulary and make sure that I don't forget vocabulary that I have not covered for a while. Below is a QR code to the Tarporley High Quizlet account. There, you will find the vocabulary for all of the topics we study On the A-level course. You will also find some vocabulary related to exam skills and grammar.



[A-Level Spanish | Quizlet](#)



The following websites are really good ways to practise your verbs, tenses and key grammar. Below are QR codes to two websites that I have found really useful in the past. You can also simply type into Google search '*Spanish grammar*' and you will be given lots of other options!



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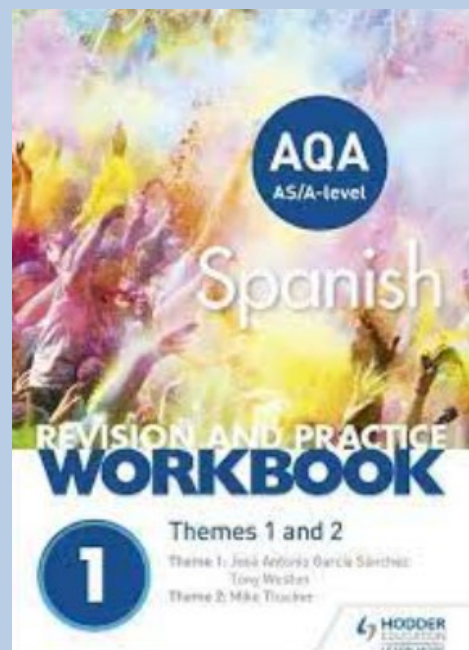
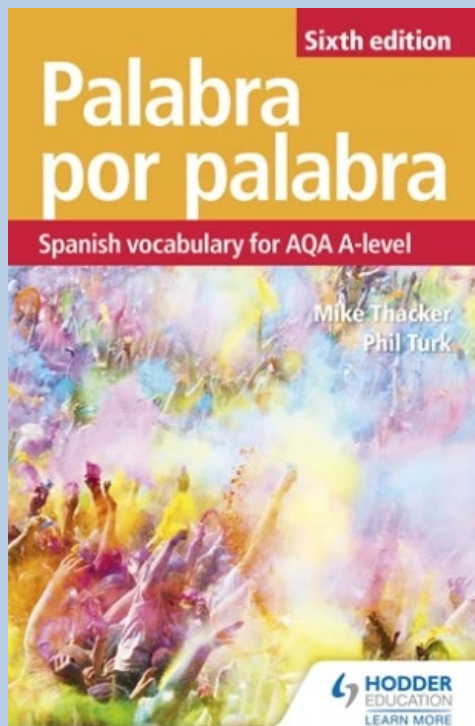
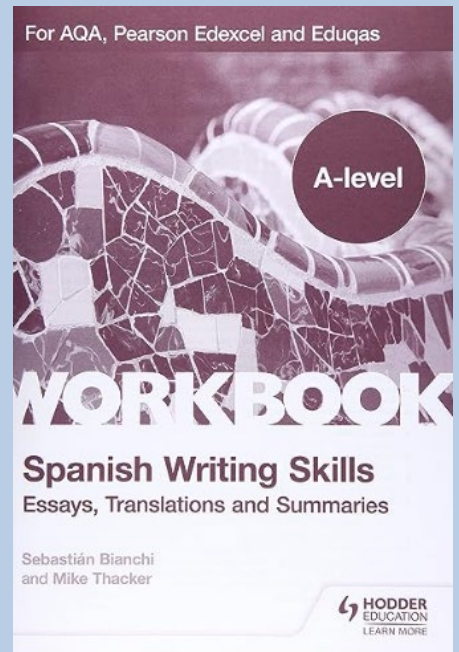
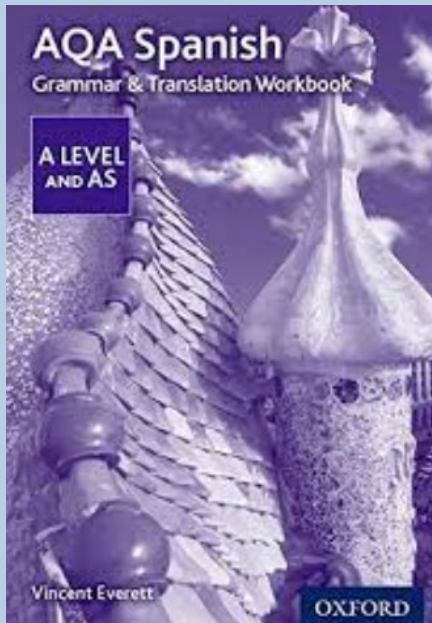
SpanishDict

[SpanishDict | English to
Spanish Translation,
Dictionary, Translator](#)

If you are unsure of the tenses we have studied, I have included a list below. There is also a QR code to the AQA website which lists all the A-level grammar requirements.

[AQA AS Level Spanish | Subject Content | Grammar](#)

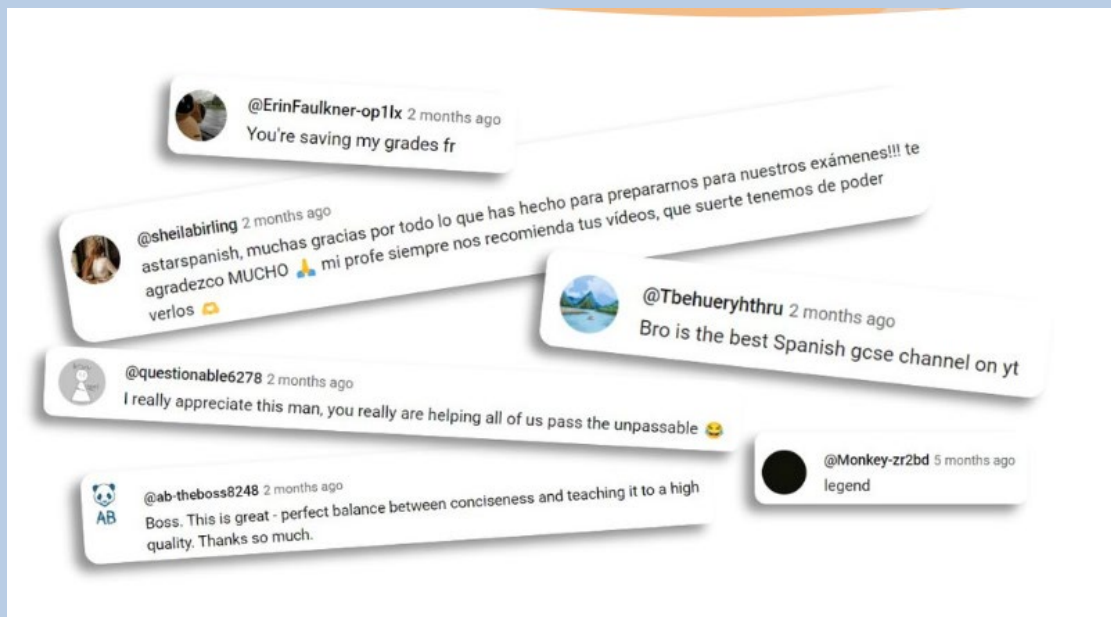
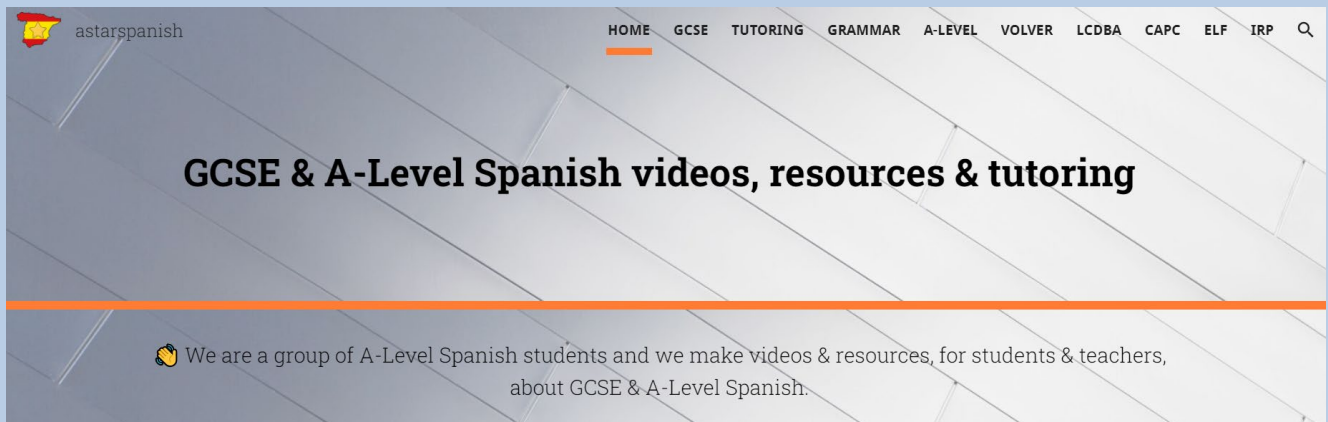
For further practice, the following study guides are very useful. They come with audio files and answers. They are all available on Amazon.



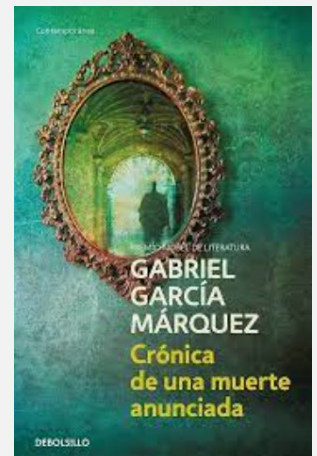
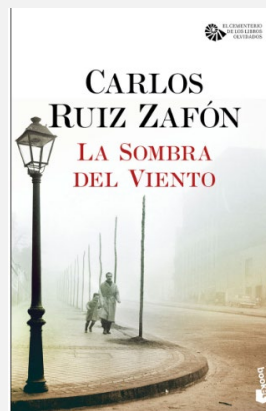
The following websites have been created by fellow students who make videos and resources, for students and teachers. Highly recommended!

astarspanish.com

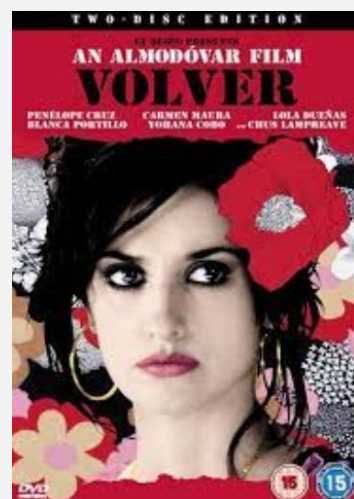
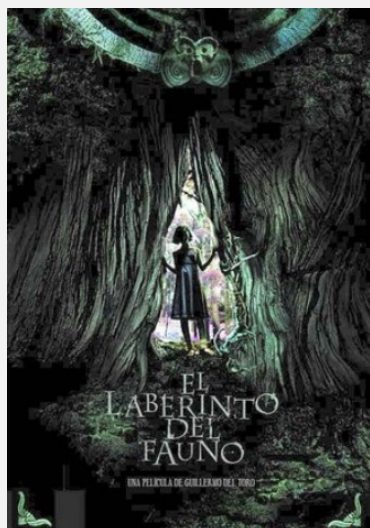
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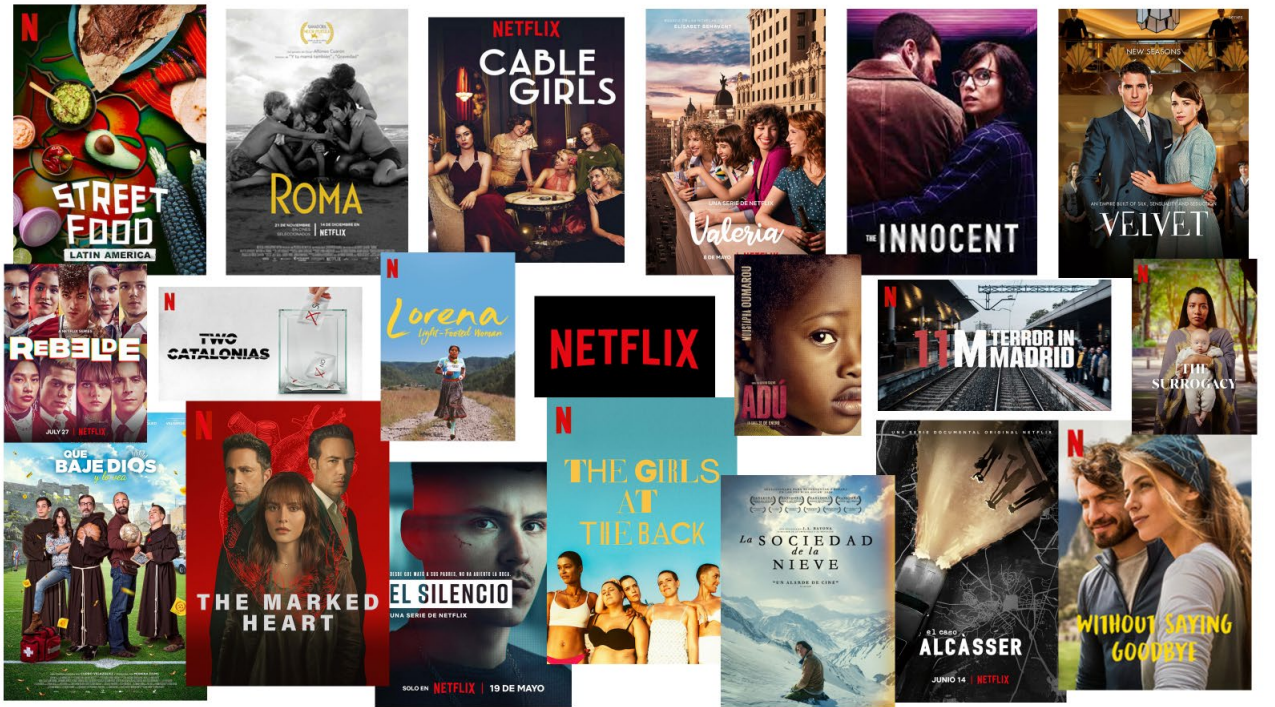
You will study *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* on the A-level course, but we also recommend reading the following books. This is a good way to practise your reading skills, in addition to your understanding of key cultural themes.



You will study the film *María llena eres de gracia*, but we also recommend watching the following films. This is a good way to practise your listening skills, in addition to your understanding of key cultural themes.



You could also check out some of these Spanish speaking films and series on Netflix



www.spanishlistening.org

This website offers tutorials with a choice of level and topic. It is also great for listening as there are video archives of native speakers with a transcript and worksheet attached!

www.newsinslowspanish.com

Easy to follow podcasts with a wide variety of interesting and up to date topics!

<https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html>

Here you can practise all of the grammar topics required at A-level!

www.studyspanish.com

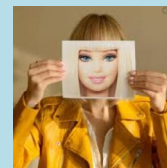
This is a great resource for grammar required at A-level!

<https://uk.babbel.com/>

This website offers interactive courses to practise grammar and all 4 skills!

Social media is a great platform to practise your Spanish speaking skills!

Join the Facebook group [MFL clips with audio subtitles](#)



Follow influencer [La Vecina Rubia](#) on either Facebook or Instagram for her daily updates and fun memes! Or find your own Spanish influencer!

Netflix also has lots of Spanish films and TV shows. Just click on 'world cinema' for a huge list of films and series. Try watching children's programs/films, such as Peppa Pig, with English (or Spanish!) subtitles.



A popular series right now is:

***Siempre Bruja** (12) – a witch and a slave time travel from Cartagena to the future to save both herself and the man she loves.*

Cuentos infantiles – the following link will take you to a bunch of Spanish audio books aimed at children! It's a great way to practise your listening skills

[Cuentos Infantiles - Podcasts on Audible - Audible.co.uk](http://Audible.co.uk)

Linguacuisine! Would you like to learn Spanish whilst cooking a Spanish dish?! The Linguacuisine app helps you learn Spanish whilst cooking a meal. You choose a tasty recipe then your smartphone or tablet will speak to you in Spanish (with or without the transcript!).

Just search and download the app: [Linguacuisineplayer](#)



Need help?

www.spanishdict.com and www.wordreference.com

will translate individual word from Spanish into English. Beware! A dictionary will give you better context and help you to find the correct Spanish word more easily!

linguee.de will show you translations in context.

Remember: Look things up both ways, i.e. English to Spanish and Spanish to English to see you have the right word.

Reading is vital!

***Short Stories in Spanish – New Penguin Parallel Texts** is a **great book**, but check out Amazon for bilingual Spanish-English books for all ages!*

Lots of magazines and newspapers have free apps for your smartphone. You can get news updates in Spanish direct to your phone. Look for the **BBC Mundo** and **Noticias** apps in your app store.

Tuneln - Download **Tuneln** radio on your PC, phone or tablet, set up an account and change your location to Spain/Latin America. You'll be able to look into all the radio stations in Spain and Latin America. You can download podcasts too!

Euronews - <https://www.euronews.com/> Select language 'español' and then choose from a wide variety of news videos.

20minutos - www.20minutos.es/

Etve - www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm Listen to the radio, watch documentaries and listen to podcasts

Check out the following podcasts to help you improve your listening skills with topics that you find interesting!

<https://www.hoyhablamos.com>

(Subscription required for most podcasts; transcripts included)

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

Courses complete with dialogues, lessons, quizzes and podcasts.

https://www.ted.com/playlists/518/ted_talks_en_espa%C3%B1ol

With subtitles.

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

Free podcasts and online courses

<https://www.podiumpodcast.com>

<https://entiendetumente.info/>

<https://www.labrujula24.com/>



Here is a list of books that will give you a small insight into the Spanish speaking world and its authors and dramatists.

Short Stories in Spanish – New Penguin Parallel Texts

La sombra del viento – Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Requiem por un campesino español – Ramón Sender

Cien años de soledad – Gabriel García Márquez

El coronel no tiene quien le escriba – Gabriel García Márquez

El amor en los tiempos de colera – Gabriel García Márquez

La casa de los espíritus – Isabel Allende

Bodas de sangre – Federico García Lorca

Yerma – Federico García Lorca

La casa de Bernarda Alba – Federico García Lorca (this is the text we will be studying at A-level)

Tip

You can read books by your favourite author translated into Spanish. Do research on Amazon.

Kindle editions are often cheaper and give you access to online dictionaries which will help!

Watching Spanish TV is as easy on your computer or tablet.

Here are some stations to get you started:

www.antena3tv.com

www.antena3videos.com/

www.informativos.telecinco.es/

www.canalsur.es

Click on the link to TV "en directo" (live) and you will be able to watch the channel on streaming video.

Tip!

When you start, watch the news in English before you watch the Spanish. Look out for stories you recognise. Don't be put off by political stories you may not have heard of! Most importantly, keep a record of the new vocabulary you learn.



Reading the news in a newspaper or online magazine is also a great way to learn. You have access to free online editions so make the most of it! Here are some you might like to try:

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

www.terra.es (archive news)

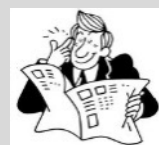
www.marca.es (sport)

www.estrelladigital.es or

<https://es-us.vida-estilo.yahoo.com/>

Click on "Perfiles de Famosos" (celebrity gossip)

<https://elpais.com/>



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If you find anything useful to your Spanish revision that you would like to share (programs, films, books, websites), please let me know so we can update our list!

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