

Ensuring Success in Year 11: Spanish

Qualification:	GCSE Spanish
Exam board details and website link:	AQA https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698
Scheme of Assessment (number of papers / duration etc):	Paper 1 Listening 35 Foundation or 40 minutes Higher Paper 2 Speaking – roleplay/ photocard/conversation Paper 3 Reading 45 minutes or 60 minutes. Paper 4 writing 1 hour or 1 hour 15 minutes
How to access past / sample exam papers, mark schemes, examiners reports, etc:	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698/assessment-resources
Where/how to access revision materials:	Booklets with past questions covering all skills organised into themes to work through.
Optional revision guides / texts to purchase:	Target grade 5 (aimed at grades 4-6) and grade 9 in both reading and writing techniques. CPG knowledge organiser and retriever. Collins revision workbook and CD.
Suggested revision techniques:	Learn synonyms and false friends. Use 'memrise' and 'activelearn'. Attend revision sessions. Listen to Spanish music. Do past reading and listening papers. Complete series of past writing papers. Learn vocabulary thematically.
Useful exam tips / Common mistakes to avoid	Look at the topic of the question. Look for negatives and verb forms relating to different people. Look for verb endings and time references to determine the tense. Look for key words but then read what is round them. With multiple choice try to disprove each of the bullets as there will be information relating to all of them. Foundation Writing – Photo keep it simple and you can repeat key words like HAY. If you use Está/ están make sure the accent is on it. 40 word task – use present tense. If you don't know what a word means express a general opinion and justification about it. Write more about another bullet point but do not leave any out. Do them in order and tick them off as you complete them. Foundation/Higher 90 word task identify the bullet point which refers to the past and the future. Write Pt/pr/ft and O1 O2 by and tick off as you complete them. Vary vocab. Do not repeat constructions. Eg if you use me gusta then use me flipa. Include lo pasé bomba/fatal in the past tense bullet and Va a ser guay in the future bullet. 150 word task split it into 4 bullets - include as many of the higher level structures as you can. Vary vocab and tenses. Use unusual vocabulary.

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Year 10 Mock Information

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Number of papers and duration	Speaking mock – 30 minutes including prep time – to cover roleplay, photo and conversation.
Topics / information to revise	First 3 topics covered – personal information, school, holidays.
Where/how to access revision materials:	Questions in exercise books. Knowledge organisers. General conversation questions. Handouts.