

Spanish / Year 12 Summer Tasks / July 2015

It is important to keep your hand in with your Spanish over the summer and the best way of learning a language is little and often. Try to some each day or every other day. Ten minutes will do but it will make all the difference.

Web based language learning support:

- Duolingo: a fun way to revise vocabulary and grammar. It is all free but you will have to create an account. Available as an app for smart phones or online.
- Memrize: similar to Duolingo but different vocabulary. You will be reminded to practice each day.
- www.languagesonline.org.uk – good for grammar revision. You should revise all of the main tenses you covered at GCSE (present tense regular and irregular verbs; perfect; imperfect; future and conditional)
- www.linguscope.com –(mflnobel / astar) using the intermediate section you can revise topics
- www.quizlet.com – you can create your own vocabulary tests here or search atopic you want to revise
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/> - there are some videos to help you improve your listening skills.

Specific task to complete

1. Keep a scrapbook / record of news and articles over the summer in Spanish – 1 per week. You could use www.google.es for this or try <http://elpais.com/> or <http://www.telecinco.es/> which gives you news stories under various categories. Choose a category you are interested in such as sport, politics, society etc. we will look at these scrap books in September
2. Listen to Spanish radio: this will help develop your Spanish “ear”. Keep a record of what you have listened to. You can also find videos on Youtube to help you practice different tenses or even try to listen to a blog such as <http://www.notesinspanish.com/category/intermediate-spanish-podcast/>
3. Listen to audio clips from movies, songs and adverts on this site: <http://www.fluentu.com/>
4. Reread your grammar notes, especially those on the 3 tenses and complete the exercises on www.languagesonline.org.uk
5. Keep a weekly diary in Spanish: write a paragraph a week about what you have done – it needn’t be huge or terribly detailed but rather a prompt for discussions in September. You could even do this on a site such as <http://lang-8.com/> and have it corrected by native speakers!

Most importantly, just enjoy this wonderful language!!! Whether it’s through listening to music, watching a Disney Film in Spanish with English subtitles or reading a children’s book with Spanish one side and English the other – every tiny little activity will have a huge effect on your overall ability to understand the language. Just make sure that you come back with Spanish fresh in your mind.

¡Qué disfrutéis!

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