



# What **INDEPENDENT LEARNING**

looks like in **SPANISH**



1. After each lesson **review your lesson notes** and make a note of anything that you do not understand so that you can **ask about it** in the next lesson.
2. Record all homework tasks and assessment details in your **student planner** to ensure that you do not miss any **deadlines** set.
3. Keep an organised file; split this into **topic areas**, **grammar** and **general vocab**
4. Continuously work on developing your examination techniques. You will be provided with lots of examination questions throughout the year; when you complete a past paper you will also be emailed the official **markscheme** and the **transcript**. Work through these papers to check your knowledge and understanding; use the transcript to **pick up key phrases and vocab** which can be **reused in speaking and writing tasks**.
5. Make improvements on assessments **using the written feedback** provided by your teacher and use this advice when completing future pieces of work.
6. **Re-sit any mocks** if you do not hit your target grade; if, as part of your preparation, you want to submit practice essays then your teacher will be happy to mark them.
7. **Borrow Spanish films from your teacher** from the **class DVD library**. Use the English subtitles and listen carefully; listening and watching will help you to improve your accent and pronunciation.
8. **Dictionaries** can be found in the **Library**. Use these and if you do look up a word the **1) write it down** on your vocab list and **2) learn it**. But remember to use [www.spanishdict.com](http://www.spanishdict.com) which will give you lots of **meanings in context**.
9. Use your **Kerboodle login** to access material linked to your textbook; this should be a **regular, key part your revision plan**.  
Sign up to the **magazines**; this independent learning resource contains questions, answers and the transcripts.
10. On a regular basis use **Spanish websites and apps** (**see page 2 for a full list**). Again, if you find **useful phrases and vocab 1) write it down** on your vocab list and **2) learn it**.  
Two useful websites are:  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/spain> - articles about Spain  
<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/> - AS & A2 texts and grammar exercises
11. Use **Youtube** to watch **Spanish film clips / trailers / songs / TV programmes**; some of these will be available with subtitles as a support. This will help to attune your ear and enable you to hear language spoken at a reasonably fast speed; you will get used to this.
12. **Read "quality" newspapers** ie The Guardian /Independent/ Times /Telegraph; look for articles which match the topics done in class. **Listen to** or **watch the news** for **at least 10 minutes a day**; this will give you lots of ideas which you can use in speaking and written work. It will also help you to develop your opinions on contemporary issues.

# Useful Websites For Spanish

Use these websites as starting point when researching work on the Web.

## Search Engines

<http://www.google.es>

<http://es.yahoo.com/>

## BBC

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mundo/>

Spanish exercises

Spain & Latin American news

## Online Exercises

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

<http://oye.languageskills.co.uk/advanced/year12.html>

<http://oye.languageskills.co.uk/advanced/year13.html>

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

topic work

AS topic work

A2 topic work

Grammar exercises

## Spanish Embassy

<http://www.mec.es/sgci/uk/es/home/index.shtml>

## Spanish Newspapers

<http://www.elmundo.es/>

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

<http://www.abc.es/>

## Spanish Magazines

<http://www.hola.com>

<http://www.lecturas.es>

<http://www.semana.es>

<http://www.fotogramas.es>

# Mobile Technology for Spanish

## Mobile Phone

Change the set language on your mobile phone to Spanish. You will soon get used to using your phone in another language.

## Spanish Apps

If you Google **Spanish apps** and **apps gratis** or **apps gratuitas** on **Google.es** you will find lots of applications to help you improve your comprehension and vocabulary.

Add the **spanishdict** app which will give you a new word every day.