

AP Spanish Language and Culture



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¡Felicitaciones! I am glad that you have chosen to continue your study of Spanish through the AP level.

The AP Spanish Language Exam (May 2021) is designed to test your skills in order to see how well they compare to abilities found in a *third year* college class. The exam will test all of the major language skills: reading comprehension, writing skills, speaking ability and listening comprehension, in addition to general cultural knowledge of the Hispanic world. Therefore, you will need to continue your practice in your skill areas this summer.

These assignments will not take too much time, but the work should be spread out throughout the summer rather than trying to cram everything into a few days. Cramming does not work with a language! I understand that you may have vacations planned or other activities that may inhibit your ability to submit your assignments at the exact same time each week. If this is the case for you, I encourage you to work ahead and submit your assignments early. *Credit will be deducted for late submissions.*


Students are required to abide by an honor code that forbids them from cheating, lying and stealing, both within the academic world and as members of the general society. I expect this commitment from you. What this means is that you are expected to complete all assignments on your own, *without consulting native-speakers or translation devices of any kind.* Your work should represent what you are capable of doing using as resources *your mind, grammar books or notes and a dictionary.* Translation devices are prohibited at all times. Anyone found in violation of these policies will be subjected to loss of credit for the assignment and/or disciplinary action.

AP Spanish Language and Culture ~ Summer Assignments

ASSIGNMENT #1: Get connected

DUE JULY 5th

Do these things right now to prepare yourself for the summer assignments.

- **Join Remind:** Text 81010 with the message @gmapspan
- **Join the AP Quizlet Class:** <https://quizlet.com/join/V9UcBaPyY>
 - Follow the link to join the class
 - Click 
- **Log on to Conjuguemos.com:**
 - first initial last name 126 (ex. tvillanueva126)
 - gm ID# (ex. gm876543)
- **Submit your first assignment on the class website:** <https://gmhsspanish.weebly.com/ap-spanish.html>
 - Bookmark the website!!



ASSIGNMENT #2: Familiarize yourself with the exam

DUE JULY 10th

You will be awarded 10 points for completing this assignment fully and completely; this assignment will be graded for completion. Submit your assignment on your AP class website.

- Become familiar with everything that is published on the AP website about this exam.
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language/about-the-exam?spanlang>
- Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you:
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language/exam-tips>

After you have read through everything, write a short summary (+/-100 words) in English of what you have learned about the exam. Include some ideas of how you will be able to best study over the course of the year. You can also include your hopes, plans, areas of concern, etc.

ASSIGNMENT #3: Reading practice

DUE JULY 15th

You will be awarded 10 points for completing each of two summaries fully and completely; this assignment will be graded for completion. Submit your assignment on your AP class website.

Reading is an important part of the AP Spanish exam. To strengthen your Spanish reading comprehension and writing skills, you will read and summarize **two** news articles in Spanish. You will also document new words you learn and use those words in original sentences.

You may find news articles at these websites:

- BBC Mundo www.bbcmundo.com
- El País (España) www.elpais.com
- Univisión www.univision.com
- Centro de Noticias ONU <http://www.un.org/spanish/News>
- El Universal (México) <http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/noticias.html>
- Yahoo en español <http://espanol.news.yahoo.com/>
- Prensa Escrita (a listing of newspapers from throughout the Spanish-Speaking world)
<http://www.prensaescrita.com/>
- Veinte Mundos: <http://www.veintemundos.com/en/>

ASSIGNMENT #4: Listening practice

DUE AUGUST 1st

You will be awarded 10 points for completing each listening log fully and completely; this assignment will be graded for completion. Submit your assignment on your AP Class website.

You will need to spend **at least 30 minutes** listening to authentic Spanish this summer, **in 10-minute increments**. You may listen to the radio, CDs, streaming radio, podcasts or TV/movies. You will document the web page, radio name, etc. You will want to vary the type of material you listen to. Find something that interests you. At the beginning it may be hard to understand the first time, so you may listen to it more than once, take notes, etc.

You may find some interesting items on these websites:

- www.notesinspanish.com (choose *Advanced Audio*)
- www.rtve.es/ree/
- <http://www.vmetv.com/> <http://radioambulante.org/>

You will be awarded 10 points for completing each grammar review on Conjuguemos.com. You must have 80% or higher to count as completion. Log on to the site using the credentials below to submit each assignment.

You will help yourself immensely if you review and refine your grammar skills prior to the beginning of the school year. Log on to Conjuguemos.com using these credentials:

- username: first initial last name 126 (ex. tvillanueva126)
- password: gm ID# (ex. gm876543)

Specific topics include:

- Present tense
- Preterite tense
- Imperfect tense
- Present Subjunctive
- Imperfect Subjunctive
- Commands
- Conditional tense
- Future
- Ser vs. Estar
- Por vs. Para



To be well prepared for the AP exam, you will need to have self-discipline and dedication. Here are some other things you can do in the summer and throughout the year to prepare for the AP exam:

- Pick up a Spanish language newspaper or magazine at the library. Also, notice Spanish on packaging and signs in the stores you frequent. See if you can guess what they mean. Notice the Spanish that is already all around you!
- Visit and read online Spanish language newspapers such as bbcmundo.com, elpais.com, 20minutos.es or clarin.com.
- Watch Univisión or other Spanish programming on TV. News programs like “Primer Impacto” or “Noticiero” and Soap Operas (*or Telenovelas*) are especially useful. Don’t try to understand every word... just listen. You will get better.
- Listen to music in Spanish. Get on YouTube and watch videos such as those by Kevin Karla and La Banda karaoke style.
- Seek out “live” experiences with Spanish in your community. Keep your eyes open for cultural events or local service opportunities and get involved. You may also have co-workers that speak Spanish. Take advantage of them and practice!
- Review some basic grammar concepts. Studyspanish.com

I am so glad you decided to continue your language study. Though it may be challenging at times, I guarantee it will also be rewarding and fun! You will be amazed at the end of the year how much better you will be able to speak and understand “el bello idioma del español.” Feel free to email or send me a Remind message with any questions or concerns throughout the summer.

¡Gracias y nos vemos en agosto!

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