



**Spanish A Level  
Transition work**

Area of Study	Detail
<b>Baseline assessment test topics</b>	Grammar test: Present tense: Regular and irregular verbs. Imperfect tense Preterite. Conditional tense Future tenses
<b>Baseline assessment skills</b>	Grammar test. Reading and comprehension. Translation. Speaking- Research based for a topic of interest.
<b>Bridging activities</b>	Grammar test. Reading and comprehension. Translation.  <u><b>Listening</b></u>  You should select a short audio or video clip from the Internet. Play the clips at least three times and write a brief summary in Spanish (it needn't be any longer than 50 words) with a vocabulary list of at least 10 words. These could be key words or they could be words that are new to you and had to be looked up.  It is easier to start with short news bulletins. Video clips are ideal as they are easier to understand. Start with shorter clips and then when you feel ready, you could choose a radio programme from the Radio station websites listed below.  <b>Spanish news</b>

- [www.euronews.net](http://www.euronews.net) : Select language 'español' and then choose from a wide variety of news videos.
- [www.20minutos.es/](http://www.20minutos.es/)
- [es.news.yahoo.com/](http://es.news.yahoo.com/) : Follow the link to **Video Noticias** for three-minute news clips.
- [es.noticias.yahoo.com/](http://es.noticias.yahoo.com/)

#### **Spanish TV channel websites:**

- [www.broadcast-live.com/television/spanish.html](http://www.broadcast-live.com/television/spanish.html)
- [www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

#### **For news, browse for videos at:**

- [www.canalsur.es](http://www.canalsur.es): Click on the link to TV "en directo" (live) and you will be able to watch the channel on streaming video.

#### **For celebrity gossip....**

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

#### **Spanish radio on-line**

- [me.es](http://me.es): Radio Nacional de Espana
- *Radio 1* es la radio generalista de RNE. Sus programas llegan a todos los publicos. Noticias, entretenimiento, cultura, deportes ...
- *Radio 3* es la radio más joven, la preocupada por los temas de la juventud. Musica, cine, teatro, libros, debates ...
- *Radio 5* es la radio dedicada al mundo de la actualidad, con noticias durante las 24 horas del día, todos los días del año.
- *Radio Exterior de Espana (REE)* es la voz de RNE en el exterior, la que difunde la cultura y la que acerca a los pueblos.
- [www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm](http://www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm): Select a radio station from the list.
- [www.topradio.es/](http://www.topradio.es/): Easy listening music radio station for Spanish and English / American pop music

· [www.lyngsat.com/freeradio/Spain.html](http://www.lyngsat.com/freeradio/Spain.html): Selection of the most important radio channels

### **Reading**

An excellent resource for revision is the electronic magazine “Tecla” (<http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/publicaciones-materiales/material-didactico.html#material-reino-unido3>). It contains a wealth of exercises with their answers in a variety of topics. You can also listen to some recordings. *You are strongly advised to do some work using this outstanding resource.*

Otherwise, browse the net (see addresses below) and select an article which interests you. Read it carefully and select at least ten new pieces of vocabulary to look up. The choice of topic area is limitless. The temptation may be to pick an article on fashion, but you should avoid doing this every week as they are not so easy to understand. It is a good idea to vary the topic area and to choose articles related to the syllabus topics so that you encounter a variety of vocabulary.

· [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news)

· The best place to start is the BBC’s languages web-pages. Choose the “**Reportajes**” link to find articles from the former “**Semanario Internet**” with a variety of reading exercises. The articles are archived into topic areas that relate to the AS and A level syllabus.

· Some of them include audio clips so you can base your listening task on the same topic.

· [www.elmundo.es](http://www.elmundo.es): Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to all of the day’s news articles.

· [www.elpais.es](http://www.elpais.es): Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to the day’s news articles although you may require a subscription to view the majority of the articles in full.

· [es.news.yahoo.com/](http://es.news.yahoo.com/)

· [www.abc.es/](http://www.abc.es/): On-line Spanish daily news.

· [www.terra.es](http://www.terra.es): On-line Spanish daily news.

· [www.hola.com](http://www.hola.com): Spanish celebrity gossip magazine. Subscription required to view some of the articles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <a href="http://www.terra.es">www.terra.es</a> ( archive news)</li> <li>· <a href="http://www.marca.es">www.marca.es</a> (sport)</li> <li>· <a href="http://www.estrelladigital.es">www.estrelladigital.es</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Documentaries Films</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b><u>Pan's Labyrinth</u></b> (2006) –<i>El laberinto del Fauno</i> Guillermo del Toro skillfully combines the genres of fantasy, historical fiction and horror in this film.</li> <li>· <b><u>The Motorcycle Diaries</u></b> (2004) <i>Diarios de una motocicleta</i> Argentine film that tells the based- on-real-life story of a young Che Guevara, who went on a long motorcycle trip across South America with close friend.</li> <li>· <b><u>Camino</u></b> (2008)- Story about how Catholicism (Opus Dei) influences life and death of a girl.</li> <li>· <b><u>Paper Birds</u></b> (2010) <i>Pájaros de papel</i> (Emilio Aragón) - Set during the Spanish Civil War, an emotional and tender story of friendship and survival in desperate times.</li> <li>· <b><u>El Bola</u></b> (2000)(Acheró Mañas). El Bola a.k.a. "Pellet" is a 12 year old boy raised in a violent and sordid environment.</li> <li>· <b><u>The Orphanage</u></b> (2007) <i>El Orfanato</i> Horror film</li> </ul>