

GETTING READY FOR PACK

A Level Spanish

We are delighted you have chosen to study Spanish at Haywards Heath College

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Unit/Topic	UNIT 1 : La familia Use key regular and irregular verbs in the present tense. Understand and use vocabulary for first AS topic. Translate sentences into English and into Spanish accurately. Form the imperfect tense accurately (Pretérito imperfecto)
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WHAT YOU NEED

Kit List	n/a
Course Supplement	n/a
Equipment	Folders/Textbook/ Highlighters/ Headphones or earphones
Essential Textbooks	AQA A-level Spanish (includes AS) by Tony Weston ISBN 9781471858093

ENRICHMENT

Trips	TBC March 2026
Guest Speakers	TBC
Events	TBC Theatre trip to London

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL READING/STUDY

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SUMMER WORKING TASK INFORMATION	
Completion Date: First Lesson Week Commencing 8/9/25	
This pack will help you make the best possible start to studying this subject. The tasks in this pack should take you about 4-6 hours to complete. The tasks are designed to get a bit more difficult as you work through them as they are preparing you for studying at a higher level and to become an effective independent learner. You should try to get as far as you can working on your own but if you do need help, please email us at info@haywardsheath.ac.uk telling us which Getting Ready For pack you are working on and what help you need. Help is available throughout the summer holidays.	

SUMMER WORKING TASK	
Skills Focus	Summer work – Introduction to A- Level Spanish • Use key regular and irregular verbs in the present tense • Understand and use vocabulary for first AS topic • Translate sentences into English and into Spanish accurately • Form the imperfect tense accurately (Pretérito imperfecto)
Task 1 Basic phrases and spelling	<u>TASK 1: BASIC PHRASES</u> You must know these essential phrases by the start of the course. Pay attention to correct spellings and accents. You will be tested at the start of the course.
Task 2 Grammar: essential verbs	<u>TASK 2: BASIC VERBS</u> TO BE and TO HAVE : You do know these 2 verbs but you need to be able to use them correctly and quickly! CAN/WANT : you will be able to express yourself much more easily with a strong knowledge of these 2 verbs. You will be tested at the start of the course.
Task 3 Vocabulary for first topic: Family	<u>TASK 3: VOCABULARY FOR 1ST TOPIC</u> You are familiar with a lot of vocabulary you will need for the first A Level topic on Family. Consolidate your knowledge to ease the transition to A Level.
Task 4 Translation on the topic of family and relationships	<u>TASK 4: DEVELOP TRANSLATION SKILLS</u> Complete all the exercises in the worksheets, take note and keep a record of all new words.
Task 5 Verbs in the imperfect tense	<u>TASK 5: VERBS IN THE IMPERFECT TENSE</u> Revise the imperfect tense and complete exercises 1 and 2a.

RECOMMENDED READING/WATCH LIST	
Summer reading/ watch list : Follow links in Padlet. https://padlet.com/r_rodriguez3/getting-ready-for-spanish-5ltij2r5xz1wog98	
Book	ISBN 9781471858093

	AQA A-level Spanish (includes AS) by Tony Weston
Video	https://padlet.com/r_rodriguez3/getting-ready-for-spanish-5ltij2r5xz1wog98

TASK 1

Language 'bits' you MUST know for A LEVEL	
Hay...	There is / are...
Había...	There was / were...
Habrá...	There will be...
Está bien	It is good
Es bueno	It is good
Hace frío / calor	It is cold / hot
He terminado	I have finished
Tengo que ...	I have to ...
Un problema (masc.)	A problem
Pienso que / Creo que...	I believe that / I think that...
Los españoles	Spaniards, Spanish people
Me gusta... / Me gustan...	I like + sing. / I like + plural
Le gusta... / Le gustan...	(S)he likes (it)
Porque...	Because...
En coche / En bici	By car / By bike
Se trata de...	It is about...
Estoy de acuerdo	I agree
En casa	At (my) home
Muy...	Very...
Más	More
Juego al fútbol	I play football
Me interesa...	I am interested in...

TASK 2

LOS VERBOS *TENER, SER Y ESTAR* EN PRESENTE

Task: Study very well the six forms of these verbs in Spanish. They will be tested when you come back to College.

SER (<i>Soy Raquel, soy española</i>)		TO BE (Permanent states)
(Yo)	Soy	I am
(Tú)	Eres	You are (singular)
(Usted = Vd.)	Es	You are (formal, singular)
(Él, ella)	Es	He, she is
(Nosotros, nosotras)	Somos	We are
(Vosotros, vosotras)	Sois	You are (plural)
(Ustedes = Vds.)	Son	You are (formal, plural)
(Ellos, ellas)	Son	They are

ESTAR (<i>Estoy bien. Estoy en Worthing</i>)		TO BE (Temporary states)
(Yo)	Estoy	I am
(Tú)	Estás	You are (singular)

(Tú)	Estás	You are (singular)
(Usted = Vd.)	Está	You are (formal, singular)
(Él, ella)	Está	He, she is
(Nosotros, nosotras)	Estamos	We are
(Vosotros, vosotras)	Estáis	You are (plural)
(Ustedes = Vds.)	Están	You are (formal, plural)
(Ellos, ellas)	Están	They are

TENER		TO HAVE
(Yo)	Tengo	I have
(Tú)	Tienes	You have (singular)
(Usted = Vd.)	Tiene	You have (formal, singular)
(Él, ella)	Tiene	He, she has
(Nosotros, nosotras)	Tenemos	We have

(Vosotros, vosotras)	Tenéis	You have (plural)
(Ustedes = Vds.) (Ellos, ellas)	Tienen Tienen	You have (formal, plural) They are

Challenging:

PODER		TO BE ABLE / CAN
(Yo)	Puedo	I can
(Tú)	Puedes	You can
(Usted = Vd.) (Él, ella)	Puede	You can(formal, singular) He/she can
(Nosotros, nosotras)	Podemos	We can
(Vosotros, vosotras)	Podéis	You can (plural)
(Ustedes = Vds.) (Ellos, ellas)	Pueden	They can. You can(plural, formal)

QUERER		TO WANT
(Yo)	Quiero	I want
(Tú)	Quieres	You want
(Usted = Vd.) (Él, ella)	Quiere	You want(formal, singular). He/she wants
(Nosotros, nosotras)	Queremos	We want
(Vosotros, vosotras)	Queréis	You want(plural)
(Ustedes = Vds.) (Ellos, ellas)	Quieren	You want(plural, formal).They want

TASK 3

1 Match the Spanish expressions with their English equivalents.

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| 1. <i>una vez al día</i> | ☐ a | a a lot |
| 2. <i>dos veces a la semana</i> | ☐ b | b after the evening meal |
| 3. <i>todos los días</i> | ☐ c | c always |
| 4. <i>los domingos</i> | ☐ d | d an average of |
| 5. <i>durante la semana</i> | ☐ e | e before I go to bed |
| 6. <i>por las tardes</i> | ☐ f | f during the holidays |
| 7. <i>después de cenar</i> | ☐ g | g during the week |
| 8. <i>antes de acostarme</i> | ☐ h | h every day |
| 9. <i>durante las vacaciones</i> | ☐ i | i from time to time |
| 10. <i>mientras</i> | ☐ j | j hardly ever |
| 11. <i>hasta las dos de la madrugada</i> | ☐ k | k in the evenings |
| 12. <i>de vez en cuando</i> | ☐ l | l never |
| 13. <i>siempre</i> | ☐ m | m not much |
| 14. <i>nunca</i> | ☐ n | n on Sundays |
| 15. <i>apenas</i> | ☐ o | o once a day |
| 16. <i>muy a menudo</i> | ☐ p | p rarely |

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| 17. | <i>rara vez</i> | ☐ • | q twice a week |
| 18. | <i>mucho/a(s)</i> | ☐ • | r until 2 a.m. |
| 19. | <i>poco/a(s)</i> | ☐ • | s very often/occasionally |
| 20. | <i>una media de</i> | ☐ • | t while |

BASIC VOCABULARY FOR 1ST A LEVEL TOPIC –FAMILY

Cuidar	To look after, to care for	Respetar	To respect
Derramar lágrimas	To shed tears	Educar	To educate, to bring up
Echarse a llorar	To burst into tears	Volar del nido	To fly the nest
Llevarse bien	To get on well	Estar harto de (estoy)	To be fed up with
Discutir	To argue	Estar obsesionado con (estoy)	To be obsessed with
Pelearse	To fight/argue	Estar ocupado con (estoy)	To be busy
Montar en cólera	To get angry	Trabajar	To work

De antaño	In the past	Severo	Strict, harsh
Atendido	Looked after, cared for	Anticuado	Old fashioned-outdated
Comprensivo	Understanding	Estricto	Strict, harsh

El ama de casa	Housewife	El horario	Timetable
El conflicto generacional	Generational conflict	La libertad	Freedom
El/la gemelo/a	Twin	El deber	Duty
La guardería	Nursery	La sonrisa	Smile
La tarea	Chore	El empleo	Employment, job

TASK 4:

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TASK 5

The imperfect tense

The imperfect tense is used to:

- talk about an ongoing action in the past (for example, an action that was interrupted by something else that happened):

Trabajaba cuando llamó. = I **was working** when he called.

- describe what something was like:

Pablo era un hombre alto. = Pablo **was** a tall man.

- express the idea of 'used to...' (habitual or repeated actions):

Le encantaba leer autores clásicos. = He **used to love** reading classical authors.

1. Da la forma adecuada del imperfecto para cada uno de los verbos en la lista de abajo.

Presente	Imperfecto
soy	
usted está	
pedimos	
él juega	
vuelven	
se levanta	
conozco	
viven	

2a. Completa las frases con la forma adecuada del imperfecto de los verbos entre paréntesis.

Durante la dictadura los españoles no _____ el derecho a divorciarse. (*tener*)

El aborto también _____ ilegal. (*ser*)

El gobierno _____ inculcar en las mujeres los valores de maternidad y docilidad.
(*querer*)

Se _____ a la mujer inferior al hombre. (*considerar*)

La mayoría de las mujeres _____ en casa para cuidar a su marido y a sus hijos.
(*quedarse*)

A las mujeres les _____ falta el permiso marital si _____ viajar. (*hacer / querer*)

Los hombres _____ mientras que sus esposas _____ a la familia. (*trabajar / cuidar*)

Durante los años sesenta cuando las británicas _____ a disfrutar de una nueva libertad, las españolas todavía _____ una vida de ermitañas. (*empezar / llevar*)