

INDEPENDENT LEARNING LOG

Name:		Teacher:	
		Language:	

In order to be really successful at learning a language we need to do lots of independent learning and the great thing is, the more we do the easier it becomes! Finding out about the culture and traditions of the countries where a language is spoken, is a good way of improving our knowledge of the language and also making it more interesting.

You will find below some suggestions for activities you could do throughout the year. Some of them are one-off tasks, but some of them, such as watching news bulletins and reading magazines, should become regular habits.

Keep this learning log and all your evidence in a separate section of your folder.

5 hours a week directed study will equate to over 200 hours study throughout the year. That should give you the best possible chance to reach your full potential and smash your target grade! Be motivated, record your directed study in your log and you will succeed.

Task (in no particular order)	Completed (date/s)	Evidence seen (date/s & teacher's initials)
<i>Have a look at a SPANISH magazine and write down 10 new words you have learned.</i>		
<i>Read an article from a SPANISH magazine or website and prepare a short oral summary in SPANISH for your class</i>		
<i>Watch a SPANISH film and make a simple fact sheet on it (story, actors, opinion on film) in SPANISH.</i>		
<i>Watch a news bulletin on a SPANISH website (record channel and date and main topics discussed, eg: transport, economy etc)</i>		
<i>Find additional interactive games online; play them, evaluate their learning use and keep a record of the address for future use.</i>		
<i>Research a regional dish or recipe and try it out.</i>		

<p><i>Produce a piece of display work. i.e. a poster, advert, leaflet, illustrated writing</i></p>		
<p><i>Do a topic-related research into the customs and traditions of the SPANISH country (eg; festivals, fashion etc) and write down findings in English (a summary, not a print out of a web page!)</i></p>		
<p><i>Research which music albums and films are popular at a given time in the SPANISH country. Print out a chart.</i></p>		
<p><i>Find out about the press in the SPANISH country (what the popular magazines and newspapers are called) Print out a fact sheet with their titles and a photo of their front page if possible.</i></p>		
<p><i>Collect 2 photos of Spain or a SPANISH speaking country, which show a cultural aspect.</i></p>		
<p><i>Learn 3 idiomatic expressions in SPANISH</i></p>		
<p><i>Produce a really nice map of Spain, with main towns and tourist attractions.</i></p>		
<p><i>Make a list of learning and revising tips given by staff in feedback sessions after tests and exams</i></p>		
<p><i>Listen to a SPANISH song, find the words and work out the general meaning of the song. Write a simple fact sheet.</i></p>		
<p><i>Any additional activity carried out relating to independent study of the country.</i></p>		

<i>Research 5 famous people from Spain (politicians, musicians, historical figures, actors etc) and explain in English why you have chosen them</i>		
<i>Practise grammar points</i>		
<i>Record speaking tasks and listen back to them</i>		
<i>Practise speaking out loud about the topics we have covered in class.</i>		
<i>Record yourself reading aloud in Spanish and analyse your pronunciation.</i>		



REALLY USEFUL SPANISH WEBSITES and how to use them best!



TO WORK ON YOUR LISTENING



You should select a short audio or video clip from the Internet. Play the clip 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.

Spanish News

www.euronews.net

Select language 'español' and then choose from a wide variety of News videos.

www.20minutos.es/

es.news.yahoo.com/

Follow the link to **Video Noticias** for three-minute news clips.

es.noticias.yahoo.com/

News in slow Spanish. Websites with podcasts / news items but said slowly and clearly

<https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/>

Spanish TV channel websites:

www.antena3tv.com

Choose from the menu for the topic area you are interested in and then browse for video clips:

www.antena3videos.com/

www.tve.es/alcarta

For news, browse for videos at:

www.informativos.telecinco.es/

www.canalsur.es

Click on the link to TV "en directo" (live) and you will be able to watch the channel on streaming video.

www.informativos.telecinco.es/reproductor_video.htm

For celebrity gossip....

es.celebrities.yahoo.com/

Click on "Perfiles de Famosos"

Spanish Radio on-line

www.rtve.es/rne/envivo.htm

Select a radio station from the list.

www.topradio.es/

Easy listening music radio station for Spanish and English / American pop music.

www.lyngsat.com/freeradio/

[Spain.html](#)

Selection of the most important radio channels

TO WORK ON YOUR READING



Select an article which interests you, read it carefully and select at least 10 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

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

Spanish daily newspaper. The website gives you access to all of the day's news articles.

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/

www.abc.es/

On-line Spanish daily news.

www.terra.es

On-line Spanish daily news.

www.donbalon.es/front/

Spanish football website with related articles.

www.hola.com

Spanish celebrity gossip magazine. Subscription required to view some of the article

www.terra.es (archive news)

www.marca.es (sport)

www.estrelladigital.es

TO WORK ON YOUR GRAMMAR

www.stutyspanish.com

www.conjuguemos.com