

# AP Spanish Summer Assignment

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To: Students taking **AP Spanish** for the upcoming school year

To prepare yourself for the Spanish Language AP Exam in May, there are several suggestions I have to help you.

1. Become familiar with EVERYTHING that is published on the AP website about this exam. The 2007 exam radically changed from those administered in prior years. Many published practice materials may include skills that are no longer tested.

[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/spanish\\_lang/exam.html?spanlang](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/spanish_lang/exam.html?spanlang)

2. Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you:

[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep\\_lang.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep_lang.html)

**Assignment #1: After having studied the format of the exam, send me an email to [cdean@gracechristian.net](mailto:cdean@gracechristian.net). The email must be written in Spanish stating that you have read and understood this information. You now have a better idea on how to prepare yourself for the exam. (Due no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.)**

Here are some websites to help you:

You know that you have grammar issues to deal with (especially verb forms!) Use the following websites to review and prepare:

1. There is the ever-famous Barbara K. Nelson site that I LOVE and will use often for practice:

<http://www.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php>

2. There is also another recommended site:

A concise outline of Spanish structures.

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newgr/ats/index.htm>

3. This is a more basic site, but still offers some practice:  
studyspanish.com

**Assignment # 2: Choose any ten practices from the sites listed above that would help you with any grammar point that you need to practice or review. Submit your practices by July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

4. For listening comprehension of native speakers. Use the following website:

<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/index.html>

On the opening page of the site, you will find a pull-down window option for the level of speech to listen to. They go from beginners to superior level. If you scroll all the way over to the right after you select a topic to listen to, you will find vocabulary help, useful phrases and grammar practices to accompany your choice. Then you can listen to a series of people talking about the same topic. In the upper right-hand corner, there are three boxes    If you hit the S button, you can read along with the speaker. The E button gives you the English translation. If you hit the N button, you can watch and listen to the speaker without any text appearing. Try practicing first with all text turned off (press the letter N). You KNOW you will read along if the text is there! Feel free to play the clips more than once. At this point, you are just getting your ear attuned. Look at the faces as they speak. Look at the translations ONLY as a last resort.

**Assignment #3: Write a brief synopsis of ten tracks you listen to. Submit your synopsis by July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

5. Practice grammar and vocabulary by using these reading resources from the BBC Mundo website. Make this website a favorite on your computer. It has a wealth of information in Spanish that you will be using as you do your journal entries for me each month. [<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/>]

**Assignment #4: Read and do any five quizzes from the following BBC news items. Submit your printed copy by July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Michelle Bachelet

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/latin\\_america/newsid\\_4523000/4523336.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/latin_america/newsid_4523000/4523336.stm)

G-8 & Lat Am

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/international/newsid\\_6720000/6720873.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/international/newsid_6720000/6720873.stm)

For all levels: Test your language level

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

Imperfect practice:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_journey\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_journey_1)

Preterite practice:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_planet\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_planet_1)

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[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_telenovela\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_telenovela_1)

Past tenses:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_immigration\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_immigration_1)

Preterite v. Imperfect:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_moncada\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_moncada_1)

Infinitive, Indicative or Subjunctive:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_commercecuba\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_commercecuba_1)

--or--

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_us\\_hispanic\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_us_hispanic_1)

Present Subjunctive:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews\\_latinosusa\\_1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/languages/spanish/news/quizengine?quiz=spnews_latinosusa_1)

## AP Spanish 10 hours of AP Practice

### ASSIGNMENT #5:

This is the first of five TEN HOUR AP PRACTICE FORMS that you will work on. Each quarter, you will be responsible to do such an assignment. It will be your responsibility to turn in the assignment on the first day of the new quarter. Start NOW to learn the most efficient way for you to work and DON'T leave everything to the last minute. E-mail the form BUT make a copy to turn in with the documentation on our first day of school.

**In order to receive credit for work, it must physically accompany the tally sheet.** Work accounted for on the tally sheet but is not physically present will NOT

count toward the 10 hours of AP Practice. **A speaking or a listening exercise, must have a brief summary describing exactly what you did in the activity. All writing must be in Spanish.**

**You must divide your practice into the following areas:**

1. **Grammar exercises (2 hours):** an AP practice book (purchased from bookstore) , or any of the approved websites below.

- **Grammar exercises must be written/printed and attached to receive credit**
- **Grammar exercises should be checked for correctness against an answer key, if possible. All exercises should be marked right or wrong and then explained if wrong.**

<http://www.learnalanguage.org/apspanish/>

<http://www2.niles-hs.k12.il.us/davmal/Clases/AP/AP.htm>

<http://www.colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php>.

2. **Listening (2 hours):** Get creative here! You can use songs, movies, radio (see links below), listening to native speakers having conversation, AP practice books, Yabla website or YablaTV. **You must write a summary of what you did and what you got out of it!**

- Washington - <http://www.losblogueros.net/>
- Short videos with scripts for filling in cloze-style dictations.
- [http://www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/Curriculum/modlang/spanish/index\\_sp\\_video](http://www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/Curriculum/modlang/spanish/index_sp_video).
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/>
- [www.yabla.com](http://www.yabla.com)
- [www.yablatv.com](http://www.yablatv.com)

3. **Writing (2 hours):** Writing can be accomplished in a number of ways. I highly suggest using composition topics from any of your AP practice books to count for some of this section. In addition you can log onto <http://www.learnalanguage.org/apspanish/> for topics to write about, write from your listening or speaking, write poetry, read articles and write a summary or reaction, write e-mails/letters to friends and family, chat online in Spanish, etc. **Any writing must be printed and put into the portfolio to count.**

4. **Reading (2 hours):** You can read anything in Spanish and count it toward your hours. There are tons of sources in addition to the BBC links I gave you above, such as: your textbook(Pasajes 7), short stories or novels(Antes de ser Libre, Cajas de Carton, La Ciudad de las Bestias, Casa en Mango Street), local Spanish newspaper, online newspapers (<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>), children's stories (<http://www.guiainfantil.com/servicios/Cuentos/cuentos.htm>). **You must write a summary of your reading in order for the practice to count toward your practice hours.**

**5. Speaking (2 hours):** In order to get credit for your 2 hours of speaking you can use the following: Your textbooks to practice the informal and formal sections of the AP exam, phone conversations, hanging out with friends, Mexican restaurants, or any way you can use your Spanish in conversation! **You must write a summary of your conversations in order for the practice to count toward your practice hours.**

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***\*Conversations must be done with fluent Spanish speaking people.\****

**Although you may use many different sources to accomplish your hours, I highly suggest that you utilize AP Practice books to practice sections of the exam. Half of the battle with an AP exam is getting used to FORMAT and developing STRATEGIES for each section!**

**Use the chart to keep the record of your work.**

**There is also a second grid for you to use when building a personal vocabulary list. Make copies of the sheet and as you come across new vocabulary words, fill in the grid (write the word/draw a representative picture to help you to remember it/define the word in simple Spanish/use in a sentence to show that you know the definition.) Try to build at least 50 words over the summer.**

**10 HORAS DE PRÁCTICA PARA EL EXAMEN DE A.P. ESPAÑOL**  
**HOJA DE AVERIGUAR LAS HORAS**

Me llamo \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Tema</b>	<b>Fecha/ Horas</b>	<b>Evidencia [¿Qué hiciste? ¿Dónde?]</b>
<b>Gramática</b>		
<b>Escuchar</b>		
<b>Escritura</b>		
<b>Lectura</b>		
<b>Hablar</b>		

