



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

To prepare yourself for the Spanish Language and Culture AP Exam in May, there are several helpful suggestions:

1. Become familiar with EVERYTHING that is published on the AP website about this exam.  
[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers\\_corner/3499.html](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/3499.html)
2. Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-spanish-language/exam-practice>

**Assignment #1: After having studied the format of the exam, send me an email to [pwelch@gracechristian.net](mailto:pwelch@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. You should include what you learned about the six themes covered on the exam and the different aspects of the test.**

Here are some websites to help you:

For grammar issues (especially verb forms) Use the following websites to review and prepare:

1. The Barbara K. Nelson site: <http://colby.edu/~bknelson/SLC/index.php>
2. A concise outline of Spanish structures:  
<http://www.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newgr/ats/index.htm>
3. This is a more basic site, but it offers some practice: [www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com)
4. This is the online dictionary that I recommend: <http://www.wordreference.com/>
5. I recommend that you work at <http://www.duolingo.com/> in your leisure time to improve your vocabulary and the different skills needed to be successful in Spanish. We may have a competition to see who can be at the highest level of duolingo before August.
6. Another option would be to listen to Spanish songs and practice songs using the following website: <https://lyricstraining.com/es/>
7. Practice grammar and vocabulary by using these reading resources from the BBC Mundo website. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/> Make this website a favorite on your computer. It has a wealth of information in Spanish.

8. For listening comprehension of native speakers, use one of the following websites:

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

On the opening page of the site, you will find the different options for the level of speech to listen to. They go from beginners to superior level. To the right you will find option buttons for 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 boxes with S ~ E ~ N. 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). Play the clips as often as you like. At this point, you are just getting your ear attuned. Look at the faces as they speak. Look at the translations only to check your transcriptions.

[https://phone.lingnet.org/default\\_spanish.asp](https://phone.lingnet.org/default_spanish.asp)

This website plays full phone conversations that will help you prepare for that part of the AP exam. Listen to different conversations about different topics by speakers from various Spanish speaking countries.

**Assignment #2: Listen to at least 4 different tracks (from the Native speaking websites listed above) and write a brief synopsis of each one. Please choose from different countries and choose different topics from each of the websites above.**

**Assignment #3: Read or Listen to news in Spanish and journal about at least four *Current Events* in Spanish that happen in a Spanish speaking country.**

Create a Current Events Journal. You will read or listen about current events in Spanish that happen in a Spanish speaking country. Then journal about the events. You can use any authentic sources.

Your journal should include the following sections: **a summary** in Spanish of each article that was read or listened to; **a response** in Spanish to the article about any thoughts you have regarding it (predictions, emotions, whether you like it or not); **useful vocabulary** from the article (30 words minimum)

Here are some examples of news sources in Spanish but you are not limited to these. Just let me know which sources you use for news.

<http://laestrella.com.pa/>

<https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/>

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/spain.htm> (This link has links to various news sources from all over Spain. )