



# Year 11 Preparation for Study at Loreto College

## SUBJECT

Spanish



## QUALIFICATION

A Level



## PREPARATION TASKS



**Nissenburg, Guilda:** Practice makes perfect: Complete Spanish Grammar

**Mike Thacker, José Antonio García Sánchez, et al.:** AQA A-level Spanish Revision and Practice Workbook: Themes 1 and 2

### Watch any film in Spanish

There are a wealth of films and series in Spanish on Netflix, there is also the opportunity to switch languages on Netflix, so that you can watch your favourite programmes in Spanish. You can add subtitles in either Spanish or English. If you listen in Spanish and use subtitles in Spanish too, your brain has to work a little harder!

### Listening practice:

- <https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/spanish-podcast>
- [www.ver-taal.com](http://www.ver-taal.com)
- <http://www.rtve.es/>

## RESEARCH



### The Second Republic 1931 - 1936:

- Film: La lengua de las mariposas (Cuerda)

### The Spanish Civil War 1936 - 1939:

- Film: Land and Freedom (Ken Loach)
- Novel: Homage to Catalonia (George Orwell)

### The Dictatorship 1939 - 1975:

- Film: Pájaros de Papel

### The Transition and the "Movida" 1975 - 1989:

- Film: Mujeres al borde de un ataque de nervios (Almodóvar)

### La ley de memoria histórica:

- Storyville: Facing Franco's Crimes: El Silencio de Otros (BBC iPlayer)

## RECOMMENDED READING



Any Spanish or Latin American Spanish books in Spanish. It is a good idea to read them in both Spanish and English translations to help with vocabulary acquisition. There are some bilingual readers. Here are a few that we find accessible:

- Any of this series of bilingual texts: <http://clasicosbilingues.com/site/titulos-disponibles/>
- **Allende, Isabel:** Los cuentos de Eva Luna
- **Allende, Isabel:** Zorro
- **Ruiz Zafón, Carlos:** La Sombra del Viento; El Juego del Ángel; El Prisionero del Cielo; El Laberinto de los espíritus

## RECOMMENDED WEBSITES



### Vocabulary acquisition:

- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com) (also an app)
- [www.spanishdict.com](http://www.spanishdict.com) (also an app)

### Grammar practice:

- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
- [www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) (also an app)
- [www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com)
- <http://www.senorjordan.com/>

### Reading practice:

- [www.primerasnoticias.com](http://www.primerasnoticias.com)
- [www.bbc.com/mundo](http://www.bbc.com/mundo)
- [www.lingq.com](http://www.lingq.com)
- <https://elpais.com/>

**This research work is really useful to do, as it will help you to explore your options for college study. Please be aware that agreed courses will be finalised at enrolment after students have been awarded their GCSE results.**