

## Spanish Summer Work

The reason you are even reading this is that you are interested in taking your Spanish further than GCSE allows. Congratulations. You have taken a very important step on a journey that could give you a life skill that will enable you to meet, communicate and do business with hundreds of millions of people around the world.

What you will discover from now on that Spanish is not really a subject as such. It is the means by which whole societies interact and lead their lives. Just like you do every day in English (or whatever your mother tongue maybe)

What we are trying to do with the resources we have provided is to enable you to have an experience of Spanish as it is used by people just like yourself

There is no grammar to learn or vocabulary lists to commit to memory. Instead there are all sorts of ways to see Spanish being used as a real, living language.

So, how best to engage with these resources?

- 1) Start with a positive attitude. The chances are that you will not understand everything you see. That does not matter. This is the start of the journey after all.
- 2) Find something that interests you. There are some songs, some lessons, a recipe or two, a newspaper and many other areas which should enable you to find something you can engage with. If not, drop an email ([neil.parker@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:neil.parker@caterhamschool.co.uk)) and tell me what interests you and we can find something between the two of us
- 3) Once you have found that something, keep reading and re-reading (or listening, watching etc) and see what patterns start to emerge. What you can make out for yourself. If there is a word you do not know then you can use this site: [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com). Please do not use google translate.

## BLOGS

<https://xaviercasals.wordpress.com/category/politica-espanola/>

<https://www.elespanol.com/espana/politica/>

<https://es.gizmodo.com/>

## HISTORY OF SPANISH LANGUAGE

<https://youtu.be/TXHtmLZyO6c>

<https://youtu.be/sRO2oE4SFdQ>

## LANGUAGE VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/kQGoMH-L1BA>

## SOUTH AMERICA NEWS

<https://news.un.org/es/news/r%C3%A9gion/americas>

## LISTENING RESOURCES

<http://www.spanishlistening.org/>

## LITERATURE

[http://www.stephen-spender.org/spender\\_prize.html](http://www.stephen-spender.org/spender_prize.html)

<http://biblio3.url.edu.gt/Libros/Anto-2008.pdf>

[https://spanish.sdsu.edu/docs/ANTOLOGIA\\_POETICA.pdf](https://spanish.sdsu.edu/docs/ANTOLOGIA_POETICA.pdf)

[http://www.hugodelcastillo.com/Documentos/Antolog%C3%ADa\\_po%C3%A9tica\\_del\\_27.pdf](http://www.hugodelcastillo.com/Documentos/Antolog%C3%ADa_po%C3%A9tica_del_27.pdf)

<http://www.kasalpopular.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Pablo-Neruda.pdf>

<http://iesjimenezlozano.centros.educa.jcyl.es/sitio/upload/machado-antonio-poesias-completas.pdf>

<http://www.xtec.cat/~iyague1/LECTURAS-TEXTOS/AntologiaPoesiaSigloOroModalidad.pdf>

NETFLIX

My current favourite Spanish series are:

**The Money Heist**

**Víctima Número 8**

**El Mar de Plástico**

My recommendation for using this to help your Spanish is to watch each scene three times:

First in Spanish with English subtitles (so you know what is going on)

Second in Spanish with Spanish subtitles (so you can see what was said and look up any vocabulary you did not know)

Third in Spanish without subtitles. Then you cement the vocabulary in your memory.

If you have any other recommendations then let me know

NEWS

<https://elpais.com/>

SPAIN

<https://youtu.be/Md5-ANncZpM>

[https://youtu.be/bS-R\\_m2TC6w](https://youtu.be/bS-R_m2TC6w)

