

Welcome to A-Level Spanish!

Please complete the following tasks, ready for your first day at New College.

Your tasks are to research and learn thoroughly the Present Tense in Spanish and produce a poster or leaflet or set of flashcards.

You need to research and learn:

- Regular verb endings (AR, ER and IR verbs following a common pattern).
- Irregular verbs are verbs which do not follow the common pattern and in Spanish can be grouped into: stem-changing verbs (3 main types e-ie; e-i; o-ue), verbs with an irregular first person (such as salir – salgo) and complete irregulars (such as ser, ir etc).
- When to use the present tense
- What the subject pronouns mean: yo, tú, él, ella, usted, nosotros, vosotros, ellos, ellas, ustedes.

You will be tested on the Present Tense in September in the second or third lesson in the form of a list of verbs which you will have to conjugate and translate; for example:

estar (nosotros) = estamos we are

You also need to produce a poster or leaflet or set of flashcards to show off what you have learnt about the Present Tense.

You have been using the Present Tense since you started learning Spanish (vivo, tengo, soy, me llamo, veo, juego etc.) so you are already familiar with some forms of it. For A-level, you need to know it in much more depth before we progress to several other tenses.

Here are a few links to You tube videos to help you find out more about it for you to make notes and produce your poster / leaflet / set of flashcards:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PADpJ3rcwa4>

(3 mins 50 seconds) explanation of the subject pronouns – yo, tú, él, ella, vd. etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPuZFvjUeGw>

(5 mins) conjugation of regular AR, ER, IR verbs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfWcAgihqVw>

(3 mins 45) conjugation of regular AR, ER and IR verbs plus the irregulars of 'Ser' and 'Ir.'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCouOk34gDk>

(5 mins 50 secs) the three types of stem-changing verbs with examples of each type.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRFoMwrM_08

(4 mins) verbs with an irregular first person.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bhlqVDrFfw>

(9 mins 45) very irregular verbs in the present tense.

Once you have made your notes and produced your poster or leaflet or flashcards on them, the following links to interactive verb conjugation trainers will help you to thoroughly learn these verb conjugations by practising them:

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/Index.htm>

<http://www.spaleon.com/>

<http://studyspanish.com/grammar>

<https://www.language-gym.com/#!/verb-trainer>

¡Buena suerte y hasta septiembre!