

**First Steps**

1. Download the relevant material from our Handin page.
2. Buy a Spanish revision guide and workbook via Parent Pay (in the finance office)
3. Check out the exam board information: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698>
4. Join our group on Memrise (and make a note of your login details):  
<http://www.memrise.com/group/133330/>
6. Keep your Spanish exercise books safe – you’ll need them next year too!
7. Revise your lessons weekly – do not wait for it to pile up. This is a difficult and dense course and you need to start early to cope well with the end of year tests.

**A. Learn vocab (AQA 85-page vocabulary on Handin)**

Organise vocab into topics. The topics we have studied already (or will have studied before the tests) are highlighted in yellow.

<b>Theme 1: Identity and Culture</b>			
<i>Me, Family &amp; Friends</i> Relationships with family and friends Marriage/partnership	<i>Technology</i> Social media Mobile technology	<i>Free time</i> Music Cinema and TV Food and eating out Sport	<i>Customs &amp; traditions</i>
<b>Theme 2: Local, National, International, Global</b>			
<i>You home &amp; region</i>	<i>Social issues</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charity/voluntary work</li> <li>• Healthy/unhealthy living</li> </ul>	<i>Global issues</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environment</li> <li>• Poverty/homelessness</li> </ul>	<i>Travel &amp; tourism</i>
<b>Theme 3: Current &amp; Future Study and Employment</b>			
My studies	Life at college	Post 16 education	Jobs & Careers

Revise vocab **regularly** in at least two of these ways:

1. Look, cover, write, check
2. Get someone to test you
3. Make digital flashcards and play games on [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) (free to register)
4. Complete courses in our group on [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)
4. Play vocab games on [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (beginner and intermediate)
5. Use post-its and/or paper flashcards.
6. Record vocab lists on your phone to play back
7. Make mindmaps around key topics.



## **B. What will you get at the exam?**

**A) A reading task:** topics from across the year with questions in English AND in Spanish as well as translation into English

**B) A listening task:** topics from across the year with questions in English AND in Spanish as well as translation into English

**C) A writing task:** 3 questions getting progressively more challenging + 1 structured writing task and an open ended task. There is also a translation task into Spanish.

### **B.1 Practise reading and listening**

- Use [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) (username: foresthill, password: reynold)
- Go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/spanish/>
- Complete exercises from the digital GCSE Spanish textbook on Handin (in 'Atrium' on left-hand menu)
- Use a revision guide and workbook with online audio to practise listening (you can buy from school)
- Practice exam questions from the previous GCSE\* <http://www.aqa.co.uk>

### **B.2 Practise writing**

- Make a checklist of the different structures you should be including in your writing (you will have done work on this in class)
- Find texts you have written in class and for homework and rewrite them on cards so you have a bank of texts about different topics (this will also be useful for speaking preparation)
- Complete practice writing tasks from the revision guide/workbook
- Familiarise yourself with the mark scheme for writing so you know what you get marks for (your teacher will make this available to you)

\* No past papers are available for the new GCSE as this is the first time it has been taught.  
You can use old specification reading and listening papers.

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