

# TALLIS 16+

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### TRANSITION READING LIST

#### SUBJECT: Spanish

A Level Spanish is a course somewhat different from the GCSE, in that it requires not only mastery of the language but also knowledge relating to the Hispanic world in each of the topic areas. Your preparation for A Level, therefore, should involve a mixture of ...

#### 1) Securing grammar at GCSE level

- There is a very comprehensive booklet on the Transition Reading Lists part of the TallisPost16 website which works through all the grammar covered at GCSE, with exercises and links to explanations included. You should work your way through this.
- BBC Bitesize has useful tools for grammar revision
- studyspanish.com is a useful place to find explanations and short exercises on all sorts of aspects of Spanish grammar.
- If you want purely to practise verb conjugation, conjugemos.com is for you.

#### 2) Keeping your ear in

Listening to and watching Spanish-language material is useful for your language skills regardless of content, so you can justifiably watch films, TV series, YouTube videos or TikTokers and listen to music or podcasts on subjects you are interested in and call it preparation for A Level! Some Spanish-language suggestions are below:

##### Watching

- Watch Spanish-language films or TV programmes in the original version, with English subtitles on Netflix, Walter Presents (the foreign language part of Channel 4) or iPlayer.

##### Listening

- Find Hispanic artists you like and listen to their work on YouTube and/or Spotify
- rtve.es has 4 minute news segments – watch daily!
- radiooo is a free app where you can choose a decade and any country in the world and listen to their music. This is an excellent way of discovering new artists!
- If you want some more active listening, exercises based on authentic materials like adverts, trailers and news reports can be found at ver-taal.com.

#### 3) Deepening your knowledge and understanding of the Hispanic world

The two topics you will begin the year studying are Los valores tradicionales y modernos and El ciberespacio: Internet y las nuevas tecnologías. The material and tasks below will help you start thinking about the different aspects of these topics.

##### 1) Los valores tradicionales y modernos

###### a. Los cambios en la familia

Read this article about how Spanish families have evolved over the years and annotate the differences. How can you explain this change?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPrT99kykbY&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPrT99kykbY&feature=emb_logo)

###### b. Actitudes hacia el matrimonio/divorcio

Watch this video and write a summary in Spanish (don't use more than 90 words):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPrT99kykbY&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPrT99kykbY&feature=emb_logo)

c. La influencia de La Iglesia Católica

Read this article about the influence of the Catholic Church in the public Spanish education system, make notes on each period of time and summarise your findings:

<https://www.lavanguardia.com/vida/juniorreport/20200121/473038898408/educacion-religion-iglesia-catolica.html>

2)El ciberespacio: Internet y las nuevas tecnologías

a. La influencia de Internet

Read this article about the impact social media has on Spanish youth. Write a 90 word summary in Spanish. <https://www.bbc.com/mundo/noticias-39974688>

b. Las redes sociales: beneficios y peligros

Watch this video and answer, in Spanish the following questions:

1. ¿Dónde están?
2. ¿Cómo son las chicas?
3. ¿Por qué medio hablan?
4. ¿De qué hablan?
5. ¿Qué quiere Marta?
6. ¿Por qué está molesta Carol?
7. ¿Qué dice el hombre?
8. ¿En dónde se dice esa frase y cómo se responde?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hW1GATAkW8Y>

c. Los móviles inteligentes en nuestra sociedad

Watch this video about the ideal age to give a child a mobile phone and annotate what each person says, recommendations and restrictions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vpx07obxfM>

You can also join our Quizlet class and start learning specific vocabulary!

<https://quizlet.com/join/SdjPEEcy5>