

Sixth Form Wider Reading and Discovery Lists for A Level Subjects - Spanish

Books

- *Rita y los Ladrones de las Tumbas* or any of the books from Mikel Valverde's Rita series. These are accessible to GCSE students but will still stretch A-level students in their first six months of study. After you have conquered some of those, try Isabel Allende's *Casa de los Espiritus*. This is a challenging (and long) text that you may have to read if you do Spanish at university.

Magazines/Journals

- <http://www.elpais.com/audios/> Excellent short audio bites on up-to-the-minute topics, literally on the day they happen
- <http://www.elmundo.es> Spanish newspaper online

Websites

- <http://www.ver-taal.com> try the reportajes
- <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-spanish-h077-h477/OCR> past papers – 2011 only (You could also try Edexcel and AQA AS Spanish past papers)
- <http://rtve.es> Search for '4 minutos' within the site and then listen and try to pick out the main stories
- <http://www.audiria.com/> Listening practice with transcripts
- <http://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/> Video listening practice with transcripts
- http://web.mac.com/sanferminuk/Advanced_Level_Listening/Spanish/Spanish.html Listening exercises with exercises in pdf format
- <http://zachary-jones.com/spanish/> Superb blog with articles and exercises to accompany them, as well as songs and videos
- http://www.spanishnewsbites.com/spanish_newsbytes/advanced_level/ Excellent listening activities with blankfill exercise, transcript and translator tool
- <http://feeds.feedburner.com/SlowSpainPodcast> Excellent listening activities (with transcript available)
- <http://www.asisehace.net/?cat=4> Listening activities and podcasts
- <http://www.espanol-extra.co.uk/>
- http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/a_level/reading/reading_index.htm Great reading exercises
- http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/a_level/listening/listening_index.htm Lots of different types of listening exercises on good A level topics
- http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/a_level/graphics/index.htm Illustrative graphics on a variety of A level topics
- http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/a_level/index.htm
- http://www.freeetv.com/modules.php?name=Video_Stream&page=watch&id=2211&d=2 Euronews in Spanish
- <http://www.spanish-only.com/> Word of the day can be helpful, particularly as it gives examples
- <http://oye.languageskills.co.uk/index.html> Different activities for different levels
- <http://www.colby.edu/personal/b/bknelson/SLC/> Grammar exercises
- <http://www.jimmyp.me.uk/page3.html> Excellent grammar notes
- <http://www.languagesresources.co.uk/> Great resources for different levels, including reading comprehension practice, and literature notes and worksheets

Things to do

- Create a grammar bible

- **Watch the news in Spanish** (<http://www.rtve.es/mediateca/videos/> Videos and audio on up-to-the minute topics)

Things to watch

- BBC Mundo
- Any Almodovar film

Things to listen to

- Manu Chao
- Chambao
- Alejandro Sanz
- Malu
- Paulina Rubio
- El canto del Loco
- Daddy Yankee

Examiner's Report

- Visit the OCR website (<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-spanish-h077-h477/>)

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