



Spanish Independent Study Support

INDEPENDENT STUDY – Preparation Consolidation Reflection

Remember you should be studying one hour independently for every hour of lesson time. In your independent study periods, once homework and assignments are complete, you should complete tasks from the following list:

Preparation

- VOCABULARY BUILDING: *Every time you find a new word*, add it to your vocabulary notebook. Then – and this is key! - go back to it to go over new vocab before *every* Spanish lesson. You can also use the Kerboodle vocabulary section for your current topic to revise key words ahead of lessons.
- GRAMMAR: Look up key verb tenses (present, preterite, imperfect, perfect, future, conditional) and practice online at www.language-gym.com or www.conjuguemos.com. [This YouTube channel](#) has some good video explainers on each grammar point.
- READING: Practice your reading skills by reading [the news](#) in Spanish or any of the resources on [this list](#)
- LISTENING: [Listen to](#) or watch [the news in Spanish](#), [watch movies or shows in Spanish](#), search for Spanish/Latino playlists on [Spotify](#) or [YouTube](#).
- CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE: Watch [documentaries](#), [YouTube videos](#), or Netflix series that will give you wider knowledge of Spain / Latin America's recent past. Good historical dramas on UK Netflix include: Gun City (1920s Spain), Someone has to die (Spain in 1950s under Franco), 45rpm (1960s Spain), Green Frontier (Crime/thriller, Colombia)

Consolidation

- VOCABULARY BUILDING: Go over your notes, textbook, and class handouts for your most recent lesson, and write up any unknown words in your vocabulary book – then do the classic look, cover, write, check to commit them to memory. Use www.wordreference.com to check meanings, not Google translate. Are there any other related words that could be useful (e.g., exigente > exigir > exigencias)?
- GRAMMAR: Return to your notes on a grammar point you covered last lesson, or were unsure about, and look it up using the links above. Use Kerboodle to find exercises to help you practice.
- READING: Go back to your class handouts and re-read, then write a summary of the key facts/figures/points in Spanish to make a fact file for each topic. This will be essential for the speaking exam.
- LISTENING: Find YouTube videos or news items in Spanish about a topic you covered in your most recent lesson and watch them, taking notes. How much did you understand? Rewatch until you are confident you have understood the gist of what has been said.

- CULTURAL TOPIC: Use your Laberinto del Fauno revision book to go over key areas of the film. Make fact files for key themes, characters, scenes and cinematic techniques.

Reflection

- Continue to use and check your vocabulary list as it grows – repetition, repetition, repetition! Revise and check your own weekly vocabulary list, checking off words as you are sure they have made it to your long term memory!
- At the end of a series of lessons on a grammar point, go back to www.language-gym.com or www.conjuguemos.com and test yourself. Are you 100% confident about it? What don't you understand? Make a note of any queries to ask your teacher next lesson (or drop them an email / go to see them to ask).
- At the end of a topic, complete reading tasks on each A level topic [at this list](#)
- Use [this website](#) to practice listening, reading, and grammar points at an advanced level – if you can do these, you know the topic!
- Read around the topic of Laberinto del Fauno - It is available to stream on Amazon Prime and Now TV, if someone in your household has an account, go through it looking for examples and making notes about the aspect of the film we are studying. Watch trailers for Del Toro's films [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#), watch [interviews](#) with him and [reviews](#) of the film.

