

# Spanish

Read national websites for newspapers like ABC, El Mundo, El País, La Vanguardia, Cambio 16 and Muy Interesante. You can even download their Apps. Pick out interesting news items or articles and go through them, looking up new vocabulary.

**Watch** any Spanish films you can. Almodóvar films in Spanish are particularly popular. This is fantastic listening practice.

**Read** any books about Spain that you can find, even if they are in English. Books like Dave Boling's Guernica and Victoria Hislop's The Return give you an insight into Spain at the time of the Civil War. Ian Gibson's Fire in the Blood: The New Spain has an enormous amount of information on Spain over the last century up to modern times. The more you know, the easier it will be to come up with ideas in an oral, and understand reading and listening texts in an exam.

Also read literature in Spanish – especially South American writers like García Márquez and Vargas Llosa. Try works by Antonio Gala, Arturo Perez Reverte and Alberto Vazquez Figueroa who are contemporary writers from Spain. Again, we have copies of Spanish literature in school or if there is a particular play or book you want to read Mrs Edney or Miss Packer may have a copy.

Use **Youtube.com** at home to watch clips in Spanish on topics we are studying in class. You can watch Easter processions, see fiestas like La Tomatina, carnival or San Fermín, listen to Spanish singers like Joaquin Sabina or Ana Belen or watch clips on the environment in Spanish. Use google.es as your search engine instead of google.co.uk. Have a go and set your phone language to Spanish!

There are lots of Spanish language courses in Spain for foreign language learners. Maybe sign up to one.

**Watch online TV in Spanish. Go to:**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/tv/>

[www.newsinslowspanish.com](http://www.newsinslowspanish.com)

[www.antena3.com](http://www.antena3.com)

[www.rtve.es](http://www.rtve.es)

There are many **websites** offering practice in the Spanish language. Try:-

<http://cvc.cervantes.es> (for the Instituto de Cervantes)

<http://spanishrevision.co.uk> (go to the A level index)

<http://lightbulblanguages.co.uk> (go to Resources and A'level)

[www.conjugemos.com](http://www.conjugemos.com) – excellent for practising conjugating verbs.

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)