

Actividades importantes para hacer antes de que empecemos en agosto

Try to commit to 15 mins everyday is best BUT at least 4x a week.

If you want to do better than a 3 or 4--please take this seriously.

Important activities to do--your March (Individual oral) thru May (Paper 1 and Paper 2--Reading AND Listening Comprehension) self will thank you for any time you spend this summer getting ready. Consistent effort will be your salvation! Trust me--I KNOW!

1. **Overall assessment of your level: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1**

Cervantes B1 is preferred but there are some questions that you probably don't know the grammar for yet. See if you can reach B2 or C1--if you were not in Spanish 4, you probably won't get that high yet.

The concepts on this quiz will be a focus starting in August.

2. **READING--you will be reading A LOT starting in August. For those of you who struggle a bit with reading comprehension--YOU MUST BEGIN ASAP to get used to/adapted to reading because THE MORE YOU STRUGGLE THE MORE TIME YOU WILL HAVE TO SPEND--there is NO QUICK FIX. Start now to improve so next year will be more tolerable/enjoyable!!!! Reading is KEY to your success!!!**

Start with this test: <http://pruebadenivel.cervantes.es/exam.php?id=17>

When you finish, it will tell you a level A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2

From that information, [Practica en español](#) has articles that are labeled with a level

The screenshot shows a sidebar with two article categories: 'Ciencia' and 'Cultura'. Each category has a title, a short description, a level indicator (B2 for Ciencia, A2 for Cultura), and a 'PRACTICAR' button. To the right is a vertical list of categories: España, Mundo, Viajes, Cultura, Ciencia, Economía, Salud, Entretenimiento, Moda, Gastronomía, Deportes, El test semanal, and Naturaleza.

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B1




Ver artículo completo

activities to practice, listen to audio, read the unedited version

3. **Listening/Watching** programs in Spanish. This is VERY important. The listening comprehension will be from the real world, real Spanish speakers NOT from a contrived textbook!!! AND NO, there is no specific vocabulary list to guarantee that you will understand what you are hearing. Practice is the best guarantee!

Options:

* [University of Texas Austin](#) has some really good things that can get you use to you accustomed to listening comprehension.

Look for the sections with . Advanced level is our target but if you need to start lower, please do so

* YouTube usually has cc option BUT usually those are generated by Google so they may not always be accurate.

***[Landfill Harmonic 2015 "La armonía del vertedero"](#)

[National Geographic - El mundo perdido de los Mayas](#)

[Los Aztecas: Capítulo I, El Origen \(Documental Completo\)](#)

[Los Aztecas: Capítulo II, La Fundación de México - Tenochtitlán \(Documental Completo\)](#)

[MACHU PICCHU AL DESCUBIERTO - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC](#)

[\[DOCUMENTAL \] Los reinos perdidos de Sudamérica - Las tierras de oro](#)

* Disney + (if you have it)--watch National Geographic programs--change the audio to Español and subtitles (if available) en Español

Programs I highly recommend:

In Ancient Mysteries section:

Lost Treasures of the Maya (available with European Spanish and Latin American Spanish audio and subtitles--except for the last episode then only Latin American Spanish)

Easter Island Unsolved


Lost Temple of the Inca

Buried Truth of the Maya (Latin American Spanish audio only)

Chasing the Equinox (Spanish audio only)

4. Grammar review--VERY IMPORTANT!!! Some of this may not seem like it is a review (Paper 1--writing and Individual Oral)

[University of Texas Austin](#) has some really good grammar notes and explanations. Look for

 **Grammar Index**

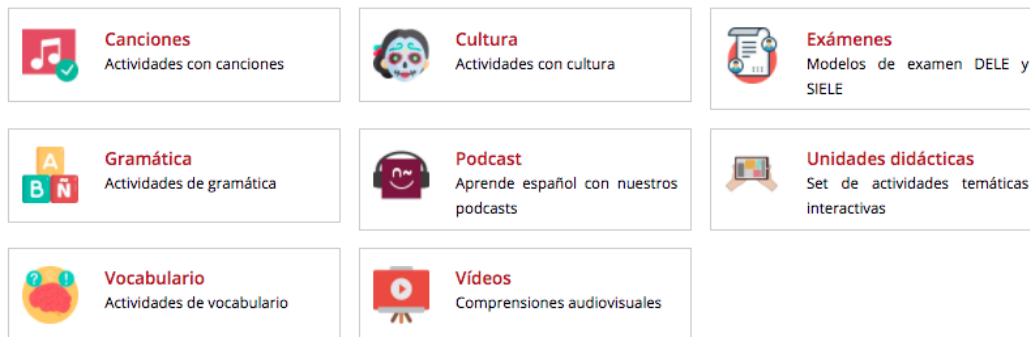
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee--[Free Grammar quizzes](#) (All of these are SUPER important for scoring above a 5 on the IB test!!!!!!)

Ser vs. Estar is a MUST--it will be the focus of one of our first quizzes in August

Trent University--[Más arriba](#) online textbook

The following are from: [Profedeele](#)

The activities are also classified with A1 thru C2. There are many categories:



LOS VERBOS HABER, ESTAR Y TENER EN ESPAÑOL--Also important **ser vs estar vs haber vs tener ALSO one of first quizzes**

DIFERENCIAS ENTRE IR Y VENIR Y LLEVAR Y TRAER

MUY Y MUCHO. EXPLICACIÓN Y ACTIVIDADES

EDGAR, EL DRAGÓN QUE SE EMOCIONABA DEMASIADO

PROPUESTA DIDÁCTICA DE UNA ENTREVISTA A LA NADADORA PARALÍMPICA TERESA PERALES

HISTORIAS DE MIEDO Y EL CORTO “PALOMITA MÍA”

[Online Free Spanish](#) has grammar practice for many levels

5. Vocabulary--the more vocabulary you know the better--LEARN SYNONYMS--Paper 2 Reading and listening is all about synonyms!!!!
[Quizlet.com](#) is a great resource that I'm sure you use for MANY subjects
Use IB Spanish and AP Spanish to find useful, targeted, and advanced lists
6. [Cultural quizzes](#) that may be helpful--they are based on a specific textbook but you don't have to have any prior knowledge. You can just use them as a learning tool.