

## AP Spanish Language Summer Assignment

Our school has designed the following summer assignment for students who will take the AP Spanish Language Course in the 2010-2011 school year in order to better prepare them for the course and make the AP Spanish Language experience more beneficial overall. The summer assignment is intended to give students a better idea of what to expect on the AP exam as well as to encourage practice with the language over the summer. Taking this assignment seriously and spacing its requirements out over the course of the summer will benefit you greatly. Do not wait until the week before school starts to begin this assignment! Waiting until the start of school eliminates the continual practice this assignment is intended to provide!

### Format of the AP Exam

The AP Spanish Language Exam is a 3-4 hour skill-based exam testing your abilities and proficiency in Spanish. It is not a knowledge-based exam like most other AP exams. You are “on stage” in Spanish for over 3 hours integrating all four of your skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Section	Item Type	Number of Questions and Percent Weight of Final Score		Time
<b>Section I</b>	<b>Multiple Choice</b>	<b>70 questions</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>Approx. 80 min.</b>
Part A: Listening	Short Dialogues and Narratives	34 questions	20%	Approx. 35 min.
	Long Dialogues and Narratives			
Part B: Reading	Reading Comprehension	36 questions	30%	45 min.
<b>Section II</b>	<b>Free Response</b>		<b>50%</b>	<b>Approx. 85 min.</b>
Part A: Writing	Interpersonal Writing	1 prompt (10%) 10 minutes	30%	Approx. 65 min.
	Presentational Writing (Integrated Skills)	1 prompt (20%) Approx. 55 minutes		
Part B: Speaking	Interpersonal Speaking— Simulated Conversation	5–6 response prompts (10%) 20 seconds to respond to each	20%	Approx. 20 min.
	Presentational Speaking— Oral Presentation (Integrated Skills)	1 prompt (10%) 2 minutes to respond		

**Assignment #1: Familiarize yourself with the exam—Strongly recommended for all students who have access to the internet**

1. Become familiar with EVERYTHING that is published on the AP website about this exam. The 2007 exam was radically different from those administered in prior years and many published materials you might find practice skills that no longer are tested.  
[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/spanish\\_lang/exam.html?spanlang](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/spanish_lang/exam.html?spanlang)
2. Look at the tips that the College Board suggests for you:  
[http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep\\_lang.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/prep_lang.html)
3. When you have done this, please write a short summary (60-100 words) in English or Spanish of what you have learned about this exam. Include some ideas of how you will be able to study best over the course of the year. You can also include your hopes, plans, areas of concern, etc. Bring this summary to the first day of class in August.

**Assignment #2 Reading Practice (10 points total, 1 point per article)—Required for all students who will enroll in AP Spanish Language in the fall. Due the first week of school.**

1. Reading comprehension and writing are important skills tested on the AP Spanish Language exam. To strengthen your Spanish reading comprehension and writing skills over the summer, you will read and summarize 10 news articles in Spanish. You will also document new words you learn and use those words in original sentences. Use the form attached to this packet to record the articles you have read and write your summaries. Start now!

*Where will I find news articles in Spanish?* There are a number of news websites in Spanish available on the internet. See the attached list. In addition, most major cities in Texas have at least one Spanish newspaper. These newspapers are usually published weekly and are often available for free outside major retail stores such as Walmart, Fiesta, etc.

**IMPORTANT:** If you believe that finding news articles in Spanish will be very difficult for you due to travel plans or other issues, you must speak with the AP Spanish teacher BEFORE the end of the CURRENT school year so that he/she can help you find the articles before the summer.

**News Websites in Spanish**

BBC Mundo [www.bbcmundo.com](http://www.bbcmundo.com)

El País (España) [www.elpais.com](http://www.elpais.com)

Univisión [www.univision.com](http://www.univision.com)

Centro de Noticias ONU <http://www.un.org/spanish/News/>

El Universal (México) <http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/noticias.html>

El Mercurio (Chile) [http://diario.elmercurio.com/2010/05/05/\\_portada/index.htm](http://diario.elmercurio.com/2010/05/05/_portada/index.htm)

Yahoo en español <http://espanol.news.yahoo.com/>

**Assignment # 3 Listening/Viewing Practice (10 points total, 1 point per ½ hour) — Required for all students who will enroll in AP Spanish Language in the fall. Due the first week of school.**

Listen to the radio, news, etc. and document it with a summary of 5-7 sentences in Spanish. It has to be signed by a parent or guardian. Do not forget to document the web page, radio name, etc. You may also fulfill this requirement by watching Spanish television, but it should be something of educational value with a lot of language use such as a news program. See log attached. Start now!

Vary the type of material to which you listen. For example: listen to things related to the environment, politics, economics, tourism, etc. At the beginning it may be hard to understand the first time so you may listen to it more than once, take notes, etc. You can listen for 15 minutes at a time but remember that 30 minutes = 1 point.

**Assignment #4 Writing Practice: (10 points total, 1 point per entry) Required for all students who will enroll in AP Spanish Language in the fall. Due the first week of school.**

You will be required to write 10 journal entries of approximately 60 words (not including prepositions, etc.) on topics of your choice. These can be about your family, favorite TV Show, favorite music group, etc. Be careful not to translate directly from English to Spanish, nor use any online translation service, as points will be deducted or you may not receive a score for that entry. Write your journal entries on notebook paper and return them stapled to your listening and news article logs.

## AP Spanish Language News Article Record Sheet

*Please complete the following information in SPANISH.*

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