

AP SPANISH 2021-2022  
SUMMER PREPARATION

I am so happy that you are taking AP Spanish next year! Our focus will be on building fluency and skills so that you will be successful on the AP exam. In order to prepare for the AP Spanish exam, it is important to maintain your skills over the summer. As is customary in all AP courses, you are expected to complete summer requirements. The following assignments are to help you practice the Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational modes and are meant to be completed throughout the summer with a final deadline for all work on the first day of class. I recommend that you spend some time each week completing these activities and don't procrastinate!

You will find detailed descriptions for each of these assignments on the following pages. In general, you need to complete:

6 emails

6 hours of listening/ reading

1 speaking presentation

**Part I: Interpersonal Mode (6 Emails)**

I want to know more about you! What are you like? What are your interests? How did you spend your COVID-19 quarantine and your summer? Tell me all about you by writing me **6 emails** of approximately 75-100 words (approximately 12 sentences). **YOU NEED TO TURN IN YOUR 6 EMAILS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS IN AUGUST.** (Writing an informal letter is part of the AP test, so you are getting ahead by practicing now!) The purpose of this assignment is to show me that you can write about many different topics (weather, free time, activities, travel, personal interests, sports, family, etc) and that you practice using a variety of verb tenses (present, preterite, imperfect, future, subjunctive, etc.) I have written you a sample email with useful phrases/guidelines below. You may use a Spanish dictionary to look up individual words. However, you **MAY NOT** use translators for entire sentences. **Important: You have signed an AP Honor Code contract and I do not want any work that is not written by YOU!**

Ejemplo de un correo electrónico:

el 5 de mayo

Queridos estudiantes,

¿Cómo están? ¡Espero que estén muy emocionados para la clase de AP el próximo año! ¡Yo sí! He enseñado la clase de AP por nueve años y es mi clase favorita. Ustedes van a aprender mucho y van a divertirse también.

Una de las actividades que necesitan hacer para "la tarea del verano" es escribirme seis cartas. Deben incluir los elementos de esta carta y decirme lo que han hecho durante las vacaciones. Recomiendo que escriban las cartas cada dos semanas y que no esperen hasta el último momento para escribirlas.

Déjenme decirles un poco de mis planes para los meses de junio y julio. Este verano yo viajaré a San Antonio para visitar a mis padres. Ya son mayores y no los veo frecuentemente. Pienso caminar por el famoso Riverwalk y comer buena comida en los restaurants. Además, quisiera hacer un viaje con mi hija a las playas de México. ¿Qué planean hacer ustedes para las vacaciones? ¡Escribanme pronto!

con cariño,  
Señora Stanton

### Helpful phrases and guidelines for writing an email

#### La fecha (the date)

A la derecha y arriba, está la fecha en español (ej el 5 de mayo)

#### Ideas para el saludo (greeting)

Querida señora Stanton

¡Hola, sra. Stanton!

#### Ideas para el primer párrafo (how to start first paragraph)

Hace mucho tiempo que no te escribo (It's been a while since I've written you)

¿Qué tal? (How are you?)

¿Cómo has estado? (How have you been?)

Espero que te encuentres bien (I hope you have been well)

#### Ideas para la despedida (conclusión)

Con cariño, (affectionately)

Hasta pronto, (see you soon)

Sinceramente, (sincerely)

#### P.D. (P.S.)

P.D. ¡Ay! Se me olvidó contarte de... (Oh! I forgot to tell you that...)

P.D. ¡Ay! Quería decirte que... (Oh! I wanted to tell you that ...)

#### Gramática avanzada

The main idea of this letter is to communicate your ideas and not to stress out about grammar. However, push yourself to include a variety of verb tenses and try to **include at least 1 subjunctive phrase in each of your letters**. Use phrases like “quiero que”, “espero que”, “es necesario que”, “sugiero que”, “Ojalá que”, “Es importante que”etc

### **Part II: Interpretive Mode (Listening & Reading Log)**

On the AP test, you will be expected to listen and understand native speakers in a variety of genres. To practice these skills, you must complete a **total of 6 hours** of reading/listening activities by selecting from the sources below. You will need to print out and complete a log of your reading/ listening for EACH of your activities. You may also select to watch a movie in Spanish (English subtitles are allowed) to count for no more than 2 hours of your journal. You need to record your minutes and a summary for each activity using the forms provided on the last pages of this document.

Here are some **reading** activity ideas:

1. Read a Spanish language magazine

El Gancho <https://www.periodicoelgancho.com/> (You will need to create an account)

Tú en línea <https://www.tuenlinea.com/>

Caras México <https://www.caras.com.mx/>

Español Avanzado <https://www.espanolavanzado.com/>

People en español <https://peopleenespanol.com/>

2. Read a book in Spanish

a. check out Spanish children's books from the local library

- b. go to Barnes & Noble and browse the Spanish section
- c. Read and listen to one of these books from Bibliotecatumble.com  
Username is dcl and password is libra (from Douglas County Library)

- Mariama <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=6759>  
 El Mejor Mariachi del Mundo <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=6135>  
 El Sueño de Chocolate <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=6762>  
 El Patito Feo <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=6136>  
 Luces de Feria <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=7045>  
 50 Grados Bajo Cero <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=2877>  
 El Señor Marmota <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=6535>  
 Hijito Pollito <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=7060>  
 Rumpelstiltskin <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=6199>  
 La Luz de Lucia <https://bibliotecatumble.com/Video.aspx?ProductID=7063>
3. Read 30 Spanish-language tweets by one or more Spanish-speaking artists or politicians on Twitter, such as Natalie Lafourcade, Juanes, Chocquibtown, Julieta Venegas or Pitbull. Make sure your Twitter settings are in Spanish.
  4. Read information about famous Latino musicians or politicians in Spanish on Wikipedia
  5. Read 30 tweets using a Twitter hashtag (#) for a Latin-American country or city. Make sure your Twitter settings are in Spanish.
  6. Explore Spanish-language websites, such as:  
 McDonald's <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/es-us.html>  
 Harry Potter movie trailers [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMJxIMidG\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMJxIMidG_E)  
 Major League Baseball <https://www.mlb.com/es>  
 El Corte Inglés (the largest department store in Spain)  
<https://www.elcorteingles.es/centroscomerciales/es/eci/centros/centro-comercial-castellana>
  7. Play the online game Mundo Gaturro <http://www.mundogaturro.com/>  
 (You will need to create an account)
  8. Practice vocabulary on <https://www.duolingo.com/> (available on iPhone app)

Here are some **listening** activity ideas:

1. Watch videos from Yabla <https://www.yabla.com/> You will need to create an account with the email invite that I will send at the end of May
2. Listen to Spanish news online / videos  
 BBC Mundo <https://www.bbc.com/mundo>  
 CNN México <https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/category/mexico/>  
 Univisión Noticias <https://www.univision.com/noticias>  
 Telemundo <https://www.telemundo.com/>  
 Noticieros Televisa <https://noticieros.televisa.com/>  
 MSN en español <https://www.msn.com/es-us>
3. Watch TV in Spanish (Netflix has many options) Change menu options to Spanish language with subtitles in English or Spanish  
 Choose a soap opera series  
<https://www.cosmopolitan.com/entertainment/tv/news/a44310/telenovelas-on-netflix-you-should-binge-watch/>  
 La Casa de Papel (Money Heist) Original series from Spain with MA rating

- Alta Mar  
Luis Miguel  
Celia  
El Chapo  
Velvet
4. Listen to Spanish radio online/ iTunes Latino  
Watch Spanish music videos on YouTube (here is a list of famous songs to explore) <https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-latin-lists/50-greatest-latin-pop-songs-695776/>
  5. Play games & watch videos  
Sesame Street <https://sesamo.com/>  
Nick Jr. en español [www.mundonick.com](http://www.mundonick.com)  
Zambombazo.com <https://zachary-jones.com/zambombazo/>  
(this site has articles, videos, music, culture)

### **Part III: Presentational Mode (Speaking presentation on first day of class)**

In AP we will focus on speaking skills to be ready for the 2 speaking sections on the Spanish AP test. **On the first day of class**, you must bring **1 object** that represents your summer vacation. You could bring a postcard from a family vacation, a pay stub, a concert ticket, etc. You need to be prepared to share about your object in a 1-minute presentation. Ideas: Why is this object special? Did you go somewhere? With whom? What was your impression? I recommend that you practice your presentation with a friend or family member a few days before class starts so that you are ready to share with confidence. You may prepare a notecard with words or phrases to guide your presentation.

In summary, you need to complete:  
6 letters/ emails  
6 listening/ reading recorded hours  
1 speaking presentation

You will need to print extra copies of the reading and listening logs. They are available on the PHS website → Students → Summer assignments

Enjoy your summer!



