

More Able

Subject: Spanish

What can students do to further develop their skills in this subject area?

- In lessons
 - **Take a leading role** in your language journey – Participate actively in class, and help other students in collaborative tasks
 - **Perform to your best ability** – Complete the extension tasks that are often present in the powerpoint.
 - **Challenge your own understanding** – ask questions to the teacher.
 - **Make use of an “additional vocabulary” papersheet** – write down all the new vocabulary you encounter.
- At home
 - **Practice your linguistic skills regularly** – Use online exercises for improving your reading, listening, writing, and speaking.
 - **Improve your grammar knowledge** – Search for the grammatical aspects that have been explored in our lessons from different websites in order to have a broad understanding of them.
 - **Consume Hispanic media** – Watch documentaries, follow Hispanic accounts in social media, listen to podcast, and so on.
 - **Read widely** – Read regularly any of the documents from our reading reference list.
- Other contexts
 - **Take advantage of any opportunity to practice your Spanish.**
 - **Participate in Spanish competitions** – For example, the Spanish Flash Competition created by Oxford University [Language Competitions | Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/language-competitions)
 - **Visit local libraries** – Search for other Spanish books that you could be interested in in your local libraries.

What websites could students visit to support the curriculum?

- For revising grammatical aspects, students are encouraged to use *SpanishDict* ([SpanishDict | English to Spanish Translation, Dictionary, Translator](https://www.spanishdict.com/)), and *Lingolia* ([Aprende y practica español con Lingolia](https://www.lingolia.com/)).
- For attaining relevant cultural knowledge, students can explore the YouTube channels of the major newspaper in the Hispanic world. They could access the following channels: [El País - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8v1U11111111111111111111), [El Mundo - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8v1U11111111111111111111), [ABCNoticias MX - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8v1U11111111111111111111), [20minutos - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8v1U11111111111111111111), [El Universal - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8v1U11111111111111111111).
- For developing their listening skills, students can make use of Spotify podcast, such as [Coffee Break Spanish | Podcast on Spotify](https://open.spotify.com/show/1234567890), [A Zero To A](https://open.spotify.com/show/1234567890)

[Hero: Learn Spanish! | Podcast on Spotify](#), [Duolingo Spanish Podcast | Podcast on Spotify](#), [Spotify – Learn in Your Car: Spanish - Level 1](#))

- For speaking skills, there are mobile phone's apps that can provide them with immediate feedback. These are [Busuu - Learn Languages Online: Start for Free](#), [English Conversation - CÚDU \(cuduapp.com\)](#), and [Duolingo - The world's best way to learn a language](#).
- For improving their reading skills, students have access to a big library of books on Spanish. Please, look at the reading reference list.

How can parents/carers help and what can be done at home?

- Ask your son or daughter regularly what they have learnt in their Spanish lessons, and check their understanding.
- Promote the existence of a “bilingual context” at home.
 - Look at your son or daughter knowledge organiser, and check regularly on words that they have already learnt.
 - Prompt conversations where Spanish is used. This could be done by including Spanish words into your everyday conversations.
- Help them access the online resources, accompany them in their online learning journey.
- Provide students with access to physical and/or digital lexicographic resources, such as dictionaries. Please, check the reading reference list for more information.
- Introduce your son or daughter to Hispanic culture. This could be done by promoting Spanish media consumption (watching Hispanic films and documentaries, listening to podcast, and so on)
- Read regularly daily facts about Spanish and/or the Hispanic culture to your son or daughter. For daily recommendations on Spanish language, please check FundéuRAE ([Fundación del Español Urgente \(fundeu.es\)](#)). For daily facts about Hispanic culture, please, check the online magazines given on the reading reference list.
- Provide your son or daughter with experiences that approximate them to Hispanic culture. For example, cook Hispanic dishes, play Hispanic songs, and so on.
- Explore with your son or daughter which learning style works best for the acquisition of Spanish. For more information about the topic, please, have a look at [Multiple Intelligences and Kids' Learning \(verywellfamily.com\)](#)
- Create a quiet space and regular time for wider reading
- Encourage a growth mindset: [Mindset Kit | What is a growth mindset?](#), [Growth Mindset for Parents](#)