

Spanish GCSE students at Ivanhoe – November 2023

Studying for your Spanish GCSE, requires a combination of strategies to effectively retain and apply your knowledge. Here are some revision tips tailored for both levels,

General Revision Tips:

Set Clear Goals: Define what you want to achieve in each revision session. This could be learning specific vocabulary for a topic, practicing verb conjugations or understanding a particular grammar concept (singular/plural/feminine/masculine).

Consistency is Key: Regular, shorter study sessions are often more effective than cramming. Aim for a consistent study routine. Little and often is the best technique for retention. [How often are you revising?](#)

Active Learning: This could involve making flashcards, practicing speaking and writing, or creating mind maps.

Practice, Practice, Practice: Regularly test yourself with **past papers**, quizzes, and exercises. This will help you get used to the exam format. [Where can you find past papers?](#)

Focus on Weak Areas: Identify your weaker areas and allocate more time to them. [Do you know them?](#)

Review and Reflect: Regularly review what you've learned. Reflect on your progress and adjust your study techniques accordingly. [How are your revision notes looking for the topics we have covered?](#)

Stay Calm and Positive: Don't get discouraged by challenging concepts. Stay positive and keep a growth mindset.

Specific Tips for Foundation Level:

Master Core Vocabulary: Focus on essential vocabulary related to the 15 topics like family, hobbies, school, etc. Use flashcards or vocabulary apps like Duolingo (keep it up) [where do you write new vocabulary?](#)

Work on Basic Grammar: Practice present, past and future tense verbs, and basic sentence structures.

Listen and Speak: Use resources like podcasts, YouTube videos, or language learning apps to improve your listening skills. Practice speaking aloud to improve pronunciation. [Do you know your speaking questions?](#)

Reading Texts: Start with reading past papers to build reading comprehension, use a dictionary for support.

Interactive Websites for Foundation Level: [BBC Bitesize - Spanish](#), [Memrise](#), [Duolingo](#)

Specific Tips for Higher Level - As above for foundation and then....

Expand Vocabulary: Focus on more advanced vocabulary (please see higher verbs email). Use your revision GCSE Spanish book looking at all the higher examples. [How many star structures and Grade 9 structures do you know?](#)

Master Verb Tenses: Work on perfect and imperfect tenses, pluperfect, subjunctive mood, and conditional tense. Get your parents or a friend to test you? [Can you speed test yourself?](#) [How quick can you recall?](#)

Enhance Listening Skills: Listen to podcasts, (coffee break Spanish) watch movies or TV shows in Spanish in Netflix. Try to understand the context and main ideas. Do past papers listening activities (so important)

Practice Writing Essays: Work on structured responses, incorporating advanced vocabulary and varied sentence structures for the 150 words tasks. [Do you know how what a Grade 7-9 essay looks like?](#)

Interactive Websites for Higher Level: [SpanishDict](#) [Notes in Spanish](#) [Conjugemos](#)