

AP Spanish Language Summer Assignment 2009-2010

During the summer, read as much Spanish as possible to learn vocabulary and to practice reading comprehension. You can find things to read online, in magazines, in local community newspapers, and from Spanish-speaking friends. Read the Spanish instructions on things you buy or borrow Spanish-speaking language books from your library. Some online sources where you can find reading material are listed below.

<http://www.elpais.com> (news from Spain)

<http://www.consumer.es> (general information and human interest stories)

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/spanish/news/> (general information)

<http://www.semana.com/> (online magazine from Columbia)

<http://www.mexicodesconocido.com.mx/interior/index> (places in Mexico)

<http://www.lanacion.com.ar/> (news from Buenos Aires, Argentina)

You must read at least 5 articles. You must summarize each article in Spanish. You must print out or copy each article or page and attach it to your summary. You will obtain these articles from Spanish newspapers, Spanish magazines, or online.

Most students consider the reading the hardest part of the AP test, because many students do not read very much. The skill is crucial to a high score, however, because it is required not only for the multiple choice section but also for understanding the printed sources for the 200-word essay and the 2 minute oral formal presentation.

Practice listening to Spanish-speaking television programs (Univision, Telemundo), to radio programs (usually on AM stations or 99.1 FM El Zol), or online. Some very good online sites are listed below. You do not need to register to listen to them.

<http://www.un.org/radio/es/>

<http://www.informarn.nl>

<http://www.rtve.es/rne/audio/sr5r.htm> (noticias. Espana)

<http://www.un.org/radio/es/story.asp?NewsID=5309>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/> (You have to click on the language to get the BBC in Spanish)

<http://www.grupofm.com/> (noticias, Mexico)

<http://www.radio.udg.mx/inicio.htm> (Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico)

<http://cnn.com> (You have to click on the language to find the Spanish version.)

You must listen to at least 5 radio broadcasts. You must summarize each broadcast in Spanish. You will obtain these broadcasts from radio, television, or online. If you can download a copy of the broadcast or copy the program, then please do.

E-mail me if you have any questions at Maria.Sneed@fcps.edu.

Buena Suerte!

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