

Year 9

READING SKILLS

Target Improve your reading skills by practising at home.

These websites contain a host of reading activities of all levels and on a range of topics. Don't be limited by these... the internet is your oyster! You can access a whole host of authentic texts in Spanish; just don't get put off by trying to understand it all! If you really want a challenge, for some high-level authentic resources, try looking at some of the websites on the next page.

Step 1 Where to start.		
Linguascope	Languagesonline	BBC Bitesize
The school has a subscription for www.linguascope.com Please ask your teacher for the log in details. Select the language and level of difficulty to best suit you.	www.languagesonline.org.uk contains reading comprehension activities for GCSE, select one of these to get yourself started. Remember you only need to read for gist initially, you can use a dictionary to look up any key words that keep coming up that you need to learn.	On On www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebi tesize you can select Higher or Foundation reading activities on a variety of topics along with tests to assess your progress.
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Step 2 What can I do to help me learn it?

Practising regularly is the key to success here. Use the websites suggested above but also experiment with other techniques that you know; practise speaking with friends and family as much as possible and experimenting with all the new vocabulary and structures that you have learnt in class.

TO WORK ON YOUR READING



Select an article which interests you, read it carefully and select at least 10 new pieces of vocabulary to look up. The choice of topic area is limitless. The temptation may be to pick an article on fashion, but you should avoid doing this every week as they are not so easy to understand. It is a good idea to vary the topic area and to choose articles related to the syllabus topics so that you encounter a variety of vocabulary.

The major national newspapers can all be read online:

http://www.liberation.fr/

http://www.lemonde.fr/

http://www.leparisien.fr/

World news can be read on http://www.courrierinternational.com/

It is also worth looking at http://www.1jour1actu.com/ which is a resume of news articles aimed at French children (and therefore might be more accessible to AS students)

The following magazines are also worth looking at:

http://www.telerama.fr/ http://www.elle.fr/ http://www.lexpress.fr/ http://www.letudiant.fr/ http://www.lequipe.fr/ (for sport)