

Praxis® Spanish: World Language Resource List

Below, we have listed some resources recommended by our Spanish test specialists that may be helpful in brushing up on the knowledge and skills assessed by the Spanish: World Language test. These resources were recommended because they are particularly relevant to the types of knowledge topics and skills covered by the test; however, please note that the test is not based on these resources and that they do not necessarily cover every topic that may be included in the test.

RESOURCES

Review Texts

Spanish Three Years Workbook, 2016 ed. Stephen L. Levy and Robert J. Nassi. Amsco School Publications, 2006.

Repaso: A Review Workbook for Grammar, Communication, and Culture. McGraw Hill: 2004.

Manual de gramática y ortografía para hispanos, 2nd ed. María Elena Francés and Rubén Benítez. Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2012.

Excellent grammar and spelling review for heritage speakers of Spanish.

Reference Grammars

A New Reference Grammar of Modern Spanish, 5th ed. John Butt and Carmen Benjamin. Oxford University Press, 2011.

Manual de gramática: Grammar Reference for Students of Spanish, 4th ed. Zulma Iguina and Eleanor Dozier. Thompson/Heinle, 2008.

Online Spanish grammar

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/~eyepes/newgr/ats/>

Clear, concise explanations of basic grammar, with exercises and answers.

Writing

Composición, proceso y síntesis, 5th ed. Guadalupe Valdés, Trisha Dvorak and Thomasina Pagán Hannum. McGraw Hill, 2008.

Spanish Composition through Literature, 6th ed. Cándido Ayllón, Paul C. Smith, and Antonio Morillo. Prentice Hall, 2010.

Reading

Aproximaciones al estudio de la literatura hispánica, 7th ed. Carmelo Virgillo, L. Teresa Valdivieso, Edward H. Friedman. McGraw Hill/Glencoe, 2011.

The following two Spanish-language newspapers are widely respected, and reading them regularly will provide excellent reading practice as well as extensive cultural information.

El País (Spain)

<http://www.elpais.com/>

Clarín (Argentina)
<http://www.clarin.com>

Other newspapers in Spanish
<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>

Links to thousands of newspapers worldwide. Organized by geographic area and country.

Sources for Listening Practice For students

Audiria
<http://www.audiria.com/>

Designed for students of Spanish, this is an extensive collection of brief listening selections on a wide variety of topics. Includes transcripts and exercises.

Español Podcast/Spanish Podcast
<http://www.spanishpodcast.org/>

Podcasts on a variety of topics. Includes transcripts and exercises.

<http://www.audio-lingua.eu>

Brief podcasts on a variety of topics, primarily cultural. Most podcasts are under 2 minutes and include spontaneous speech on specific topics.

For the general public

Radioteca Intercambio de Audios
<http://www.radioteca.net/>

Extensive collection of short audio programs on a wide variety of topics.

Speaking

Fonética y fonología españolas, 4th ed. Armin Schwegler, Juergen Kempff, Ana Ameal-Guerra. Wiley, 2009.

www.conversationexchange.com

To practice spoken language with a partner, online, using Skype. You can set up a day and time to speak with your partner. (Free).

Hispanic Cultures

El mundo hispanohablante contemporáneo: Historia, política, sociedades y culturas. Clara Mojica-Díaz and Lourdes Sánchez-López. Routledge, 2016.

España y su civilización, 6th ed. Francisco Ugarte and Kathleen McNerney. McGraw Hill, 2009.

España y los españoles de hoy: Historia, sociedad y cultura. Fernando Opere and Carrie B. Douglass. Prentice Hall, 2008.

Latinoamérica: su civilización y su cultura, 4th ed. Eugenio Chang-Rodríguez. Heinle, 2008.

Latinoamérica: presente y pasado, 4th ed. Arturo A. Fox. Pearson, 2010.