

Students entering Spanish V

Spanish V is a class that focuses on reviewing all of the grammar and vocabulary that you have learned in levels 1-4, but the focus is practicing these in context. The class is held exclusively in Spanish, so it is important to strengthen your listening skills, as well as your reading and speaking abilities in Spanish. Your assignments this summer will have you doing just that.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxOgY9Q1xvo&list=PLlpPf-YgbU7Gssxi9f72cZktgOb4Vpdoy>

– a Youtube channel called “Dreaming Spanish” where you can listen to many stories and learn about cultural events

<https://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/index.html> - these proficiency exercises come in a number of different levels. You can see transcripts of the videos in English and in Spanish, to help you practice both following along in the language and comprehension on a variety of topics.

<https://www.readinga-z.com/worldlanguages/spanish/leveled-books/> -- if you've never read anything substantial (more than a page or two) you should get used to doing that, since we will read TWO novels in Spanish during the Spanish V year. This website has books for all levels and all ages. Many of them will be REALLY easy for you. So look around and find something that is the right fit.

Aim to do one of these activities on one of the sites throughout 6-8 of the weeks of summer. Then – keep notes throughout and finally at the end -- write a reflection **in Spanish** to 1) explain what you did each week 2) tell me what you learned (if anything specific) 3) explain how your abilities to understand have progressed throughout the 6-8 weeks. Please do NOT just watch or read 6-8 things in the first week. That defeats the purpose of this assignment. Don't use google translate either, but use wordreference.com if you need some vocabulary support.

For fun: watch some TV shows in Spanish or movies and put on the subtitles. They can be ones you know already, or something you want to watch for the first time. Email jbasta@shadysideacademy.org for suggestions based on your interests!