FREDERICA ACADEMY

AP Spanish Summer Preparation Guide

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> **Goal: Consistent, bite-sized practice (under 1 hour per week) to train your brain for AP themes.**

Weekly Time Breakdown (50 Minutes Total)

READING	WATCHING	LISTENING	WRITTEN JOURNAL
15 min	**15 min**	**15 min**	**5 min**
Authentic Articles	Netflix / TV	Native Podcasts	Journal & Quizlet

Weekly Objectives Checklist

☐ 1. Read for Context — 15 Minutes

Open *BBC Mundo* or *El País* and choose **one** current events article. Focus on pieces addressing global contexts. Do not translate word-for-word; skim for global comprehension and write down **3 unfamiliar words** in your written vocabulary journal.

☐ 2. Watch with Intent — 15 Minutes

Watch 15 minutes of a Spanish-language show or documentary (e.g., *Street Food: Latinoamérica* or *Andes Mágicos* on Netflix). You must use **Spanish audio + Spanish subtitles** only (no English subtitles). Focus on accents and cultural items. Add **2-3 idiomatic expressions or new words** directly into your written journal.

☐ 3. Active Listening & Synthesis — 15 Minutes

Listen to a segment or episode of a native podcast (e.g., *Radio Ambulante* or *La Brega*). Immediately after the audio finishes, write a **2 to 3 sentence summary** in Spanish of what you heard directly into your journal. Be sure to note any new vocabulary words you picked up during the segment.

☐ 4. Vocabulary Journal & Quizlet Setup — 5 Minutes

Review the new words you handwrote in your journal this week. Open your account and transition them into your personal digital study deck following the setup instructions below.

Journal Requirements & Collection

> 📝 **Your Summer Journal:** You may use a standard notebook, composition book, or any type of physical journal you wish for your summer work. Ensure your handwritten notes, weekly vocabulary lists, and audio summaries remain organized. **Please plan on these journals being collected briefly during the start of the school year** to review your consistency and progress over the break.

Quizlet Setup Instructions

Your summer vocabulary collection will serve as an essential reference bank when school resumes:

1. **Create Your Study Set:** Log into Quizlet (create a free account using your student email if you don't have one). Click the **"+"** icon and select **"Study set"**.
2. **Standardized Naming:** Title your study set exactly as follows: `[Your Last Name] - AP Spanish Summer Vocab`.
3. **Input Terms Weekly:** For every entry, type the Spanish word/phrase exactly as found. Set the term language to **Spanish** and the definition language to **English**. You may use Quizlet's auto-suggestions or your contextual translation.
4. **Maintain Accountability:** Continue adding your words consistently every single week throughout the summer break to track your progress.

Official AP Spanish Global Themes

Keep these core frameworks in mind when choosing your weekly reading, watching, and listening materials:

- **1. Las familias y las comunidades** (Families and Communities)
- **2. La ciencia y la tecnología** (Science and Technology)
- **3. La belleza y la estética** (Beauty and Aesthetics)
- **4. Las identidades personales y públicas** (Personal and Public Identities)
- **5. La vida contemporánea** (Contemporary Life)
- **6. Los desafíos mundiales** (Global Challenges)

> 💡 **ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR SUCCESS**
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> **Consistency beats cramming:** Do not try to complete all 50 minutes at once on Sunday night. Distribute your practice across the week (e.g., read on Tuesday, listen on Thursday, watch on Saturday).
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> **Lean into context clues:** When reading or listening, avoid pausing every time you encounter an unfamiliar word. Try to guess the meaning using surrounding sentences before looking it up.
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> **Change your device settings:** For an easy, zero-effort boost, change the display language on your phone or social media apps to Spanish. It builds instant familiarity with everyday tech vocabulary.