

Independent language learning

KS3 · KS4 · KS5



Quizlet

You may already be familiar with this excellent educational website and the accompanying app. The Quizlet learn feature allows students to revise flashcards and practise writing and spelling with self-marking tests and topic specific vocabulary.



Duolingo

Ideal for KS3. Practise and learn vocabulary by reading, writing, listening and speaking. You can also converse with bots in the target language and read authentic stories. Students could even learn a language other than the one you're learning at school!



Seneca

Seneca say their smart learning algorithms are proven to make you remember better. If you get a question wrong, Seneca will show you the content again but in a different format. They've also hand-selected the best memes so you laugh instead of feel stress.



Conjuguemos

If you want to focus on grammar then use conjugemos (without an account) in Spanish, French or German. You can practise all verb types including regular and irregulars. Learn with flashcards, graded practice or games. Log in to save your progress.



Netflix

There are a whole host of great series available on Netflix. The Netflix language learning extension will make watching series more engaging and educational with subtitles in both languages, alterable playback speeds and important word suggestions.



British Council

The Great Languages Challenge by the British Council is a checklist of cultural activities that you can do at home by yourself or with your parents. Activities include cooking, watching videos, changing your phone settings and researching online.



YouTube

Youtube is a goldmine of language learning opportunities. From creators uploading original content, to music and even exam advice from students who have already sat their GCSEs and want to offer advice to the next generation.



Revision guides

Revise daily and be specific in what you want to achieve. You may look towards revision guides which contain banks of exam style questions covering many of the skills tested in the GCSE or A Level exam. Most guides include answers and listening files.



El Boletín

El Boletín is an A Level Spanish resource reviewing the week in news with a focus on topics linked to the A Level specification. Each edition contains a vocabulary builder and a question to improve exam technique. It is released every Wednesday at 6pm.



Past Papers

If you are studying GCSE or A Level it will be beneficial to practise with past papers. You can ask your teachers to provide these or search the name of your exam board followed by past papers. These will usually include the listening files and mark schemes.



Literature

Make the most of your time by rereading the text assigned by your teacher. Revise your notes on theme, symbol, character, plot and context. Research past paper questions and time yourself writing essays. Refamiliarise yourself with the mark scheme.



Film

Make the most of your time by rewatching the film assigned by your teacher. Consider watching other films by the same director. Take time to research more about the director and the context of the film to increase your AO4 mark. Write timed practice essays!