

## AP Spanish Language and Culture Summer Assignment 2021-2022

Welcome to AP Spanish Language and Culture!

**Conjuguemos.com Review**

We will continue to use the already familiar Conjuguemos.com for vocabulary practice and grammatical review over the course of the year. However, over the summer, you will complete a majority of your homework assignments there to review old concepts given freedom to repeat assignments and improve your scores with each attempt. You will also practice your new first new unit of *Temas* (our textbook) vocabulary there over the summer, which is broken down into four lists to facilitate your reading and listening comprehension for our first unit.

In terms of Conjuguemos.com, your official tasks include 20 “**assignments**” and 20 “**quizzes**.” Please note that the “activities” listed on your home page are simply a repeat of the assignments without the minimum requirements set to them. While you are free to practice in “activity” mode, these do not receive any official credit. Only “**assignments**” and “**quizzes**” receive credit, and all may be repeated until you have received a grade satisfactory to you.

It is important to note, however, that what is of utmost importance **is to take notes** about grammatical points for which you want more clarification. While you have the opportunity to repeat each task and score higher, I will be assuming that you have competency in each of these areas upon your return. So, correcting your mistakes without clarifying your understanding of them is not serving the purpose of this summer review. **BE SURE TO GET WHATEVER CLARIFICATION YOU NEED IN OUR SUMMER FORUM AS I WILL NOT RETEACH THESE TOPICS DURING THE YEAR.** To reiterate, the summer forum will inform me of where I need to focus practice and review during instruction, so please use it to your advantage.

In order to join our class on Conjuguemos.com, login to your existing account and do the following to access your 40 tasks:

- Change your teacher to “Katerina Toulatos”
- Join “AP Spanish 202122” on Conjuguemos.com (Teacher code: zgvgog)

**Current Events (2 reports – 1 from text and 1 from audio broadcast)**

While participation in the summer forum is dependent upon your need to ask clarifying questions, you will be required to participate in a second forum to keep up with some current events which should challenge your comprehension skills over the summer. Please use one of the following websites to report on at least two news articles in the manner indicated in the five steps that follow:

<https://www.bbc.com/mundo>

<https://www.rfi.fr/es/>

**For each current event, please complete the following:**

- a) Identify the title, author (if listed), and link of the article about which you are reporting (you should use one text article and one audio broadcast)
- b) Summarize the main conflict in your own words in 2-3 sentences (the Spanish should be simplified)
- c) Explain to whom this article is relevant and identify what areas of study are related
- d) Rate the level of difficulty of the article for you without looking up words (practice context-clue guessing while reading/listening, don't look up every new word!)
- e) Comment on a classmate's posting with your opinion of news they have shared in 1-2 sentences

**Our Textbooks – Register Later in the Summer (await my email!)**

Once the school year starts, we will be primarily using *two* texts from Vista Higher Learning (VHL) for which you will have online access: *Temas* and *AP Exam Prep*. However, you will register for access to each text separately, for they will appear as two separate classes with their own assignment calendars on the VHL website. Please register for those texts only after you receive input from me over the summer that they are ready to go since the textbook company must reset all sections. I anticipate these will be available to join by August and will send detailed instructions about how to do so at that time. Also, look for initial assignments to complete in the *Temas* class to familiarize yourself with the website including:

1. p. 62 – Leer “Acentuación” y hacer “Práctica 1”: Escribe la tilde (el acento) en las palabras que lo necesiten.
  
2. p. 63 – Leer “Signos de puntuación” y hacer “Práctica 1”: Escribe los signos de puntuación necesarios en las siguientes oraciones.

**Study Groups for Vocabulary**

As previously mentioned, there are four assignments on Conjuguemos.com addressing *Temas* vocabulary which are meant to prepare you for the first unit of study. It is highly recommended that you form a study group (or multiple groups) and that each member contribute (i.e. by splitting up the words evenly among you) to a shared Google Doc to study these important words since you receive a test per unit. Establishing these groups will require that someone (or multiple people) step up as leaders insofar as organizing that document and assigning parts to members. Initial communication to organize study groups can take place in our summer forum.

The recommended organizer for the study of vocabulary follows (and should be organized in landscape format to better fit the screen):

Palabra en español	Parte de la gramática	Traducción al inglés	Sinónimo (en español)	Antónimo (en español)	Definición (en español)
Word in Spanish	Part of speech	English translation	Synonym (in Spanish)	Antonym (in Spanish)	Definition (in Spanish)
Be careful of your spelling and pronunciation! The vocabulary list is available on VHL and you can practice the pronunciation and quiz yourself by changing the settings for what language is displayed.	nombre/ sustantivo (n.); verbo (v.); adjetivo (adj.); adverbio (adv.); frase preposicional (prep.); expresión o frase idiomática (idiom.)  noun; verb; adjective; adverb; prepositional phrase; idiomatic expression or phrase  If you don't know what these parts of speech mean, I strongly recommend you clarify your understanding of each as I make use of this terminology over the course of the year.	<b>Don't forget to add important context!</b> For example, "back" ... do you mean the part of the body ,the direction one returns, or the posterior part of something?	Not every word will have a synonym and some words will have several.	Not every word will have an antonym and some words will have several.	Avoid using the word or a form of the word in its own definition to ensure credit on a test.

As always, please let me know if you have and questions or concerns!