



**Department of Engineering
Language Unit
Español para ingenieros
Intermedio 1 (Lower intermediate)**

Prerequisites: Level A1/A2 of the CEFR or equivalent. This is a ‘false beginners’ course, suitable for students who have picked up the basics of the language when travelling or at school.

Target level*: Level A2/B1 of the CEFR

Approach: The classes are **communicative** and consist of tasks oriented at helping students understand Spanish in use and to acquire it by use. All four communicative skills –listening, speaking, reading and writing– are practised in context, with special emphasis on scientific, specifically engineering, content, so that students apply it to their own area studies. Each class focuses on a topic that is related to the previous and following one; activities build on the students’ abilities and on their previous knowledge and are graded throughout the course. Grammar and vocabulary are practised and perfected in context. This approach encourages students to experience Spanish for work and life in a Hispanic context and to apply it to academic and scientific purposes specifically.

Aims:

- To consolidate the main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing);
- To revise the basic grammatical structures and lexis, and build on them;
- To strengthen a positive and confident attitude towards language learning;
- To promote cultural understanding.

Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand simple monologues or dialogues on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)
- Take part in simple conversations on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)

- Talk for a few minutes about familiar topics immediately related to their personal and professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)
- Understand simple texts on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)
- Write simple texts on familiar topics immediately related to their personal and professional environment and/or interests, as well as other aspects of the target culture(s)

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Intermedio 1

Programa de estudios

Primer trimestre (Michaelmas)			
Lesson	Language functions	Grammar and usage	Work after class
1: Presentacio- nes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nos saludamos y nos presentamos ➤ Compartimos información personal ➤ Hablamos de países y nacionalidades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Basic vocabulary: greetings and introductions ➤ Personal pronouns ➤ Informal (tú) and formal (usted) registers ➤ Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns: <i>Este/Esta es... Estos/Estas son...</i> ➤ Interrogative pronouns: <i>¿qué? ¿cómo? ¿quién?</i> ➤ Reflexive verbs: <i>llamarse</i> ➤ Verbs: <i>ser, presentar</i> ➤ Numbers 1 to 10 	<p style="color: orange;">SAYF Essentials</p> <p>First Contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Greetings + Activities 1 and 2 ➤ Addressing people ➤ Introducing someone + Activities 1 and 2 <p>About me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Name + Activity ➤ Nationality + Activity ➤ Professions + Activities 1 and 2 <p>Extra: About me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marital status + Activities ➤ Family + Activity <p style="color: blue;">http://lconline.langcen.cam.ac.uk/spanish/spanish.php</p>
2: El estudio y de la familia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hablamos de lenguas ➤ Hablamos en detalle de profesiones y estudios ➤ Repasamos los números y la edad ➤ Conocemos a nuestra familia ➤ Análisis cultural: una familia muy especial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Basic vocabulary: <i>family, jobs</i> ➤ Verbs: <i>tener, ser, estar, hacer, dedicarse (a), trabajar</i> ➤ Adjectives of origin (gentilicios) ➤ Adjectives of comparison: <i>mayor/menor</i> 	<p style="color: orange;">SAYF Essentials</p> <p>About me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nationality + Activity ➤ Professions + Activities 1 and 2 <p>About me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marital status + Activities ➤ Family + Activity <p style="color: blue;">http://lconline.langcen.cam.ac.uk/spanish/spanish.php</p>
3: Ciudades y edificios de interés científico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hablamos de nuestros estudios y trabajo ➤ Explicamos dónde vivimos ➤ Describimos en detalle nuestra ciudad ➤ Hablamos en detalle de un 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>la ciudad, el edificio, la oficina, profesiones</i> ➤ Verbs: <i>ser, estar</i> and <i>haber</i> in contrast ➤ Prepositions and adverbs of place: <i>al lado de, enfrente de, a la derecha/izquierda, al fondo/frente de</i> 	<p style="color: orange;">Optional: SAYF Essentials</p> <p>First Contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Residence + Activity <p>Numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 0-30 and 30-100 + Activity

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ polígono industrial ➤ Análisis sociocultural: Buenos Aires, Madrid 		<p>Alphabet + 3 Activities Pronunciation + 3 Activities http://lcitc.langcen.cam.ac.uk/spanish/sayf/basic/sayfbp.php</p> <p>SAYF Basic: BAR</p> <p>Chatting:</p> <p>Learn it first:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Vivo en... and Soy argentino, de Corrientes + 8 activities</i> <p>SAYF Basic: Petrol Station</p> <p>Pedir y comprender indicaciones en coche:</p> <p>Learn it first + All videos and activities http://lcitc.langcen.cam.ac.uk/spanish/sayf/basic/sayfbp.php</p> <p>CARPETA: Deber 1</p>
<p>4: La diversión</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hablamos de nuestros deportes preferidos ➤ Hablamos de nuestros pasatiempos ➤ Hablamos de la frecuencia de nuestras actividades ➤ Expresamos nuestros gustos ➤ Análisis tecnológico: los parques de Alicante 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>sports, hobbies, theme parks and their attractions</i> ➤ Verbs: present indicative of <i>practicar, jugar (a), hacer, remar, nadar</i> etc. ➤ Verbs like <i>gustar</i> (indirect object) ➤ Adverbs of frequency 	<p>SAYF Basic: BAR</p> <p>Talking about your leisure activities:</p> <p>Learn it first:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>¿Qué haces en tu tiempo libre?</i> ➤ <i>Me gustan los deportes</i> ➤ <i>¿Te gusta ir al cine?</i> <p>+ activities</p> <p>http://lcitc.langcen.cam.ac.uk/spanish/sayf/basic/sayfbp.php</p>
<p>5: Salidas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hablamos del tiempo libre ➤ Conocemos el tiempo libre de los españoles y de los hispanoamericanos ➤ Conocemos las comidas y sus horarios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>food and drinks</i> (generic and country-specific) ➤ Numbers and numerals: 0 to 1 million ➤ Adjectives and agreement ➤ Introduction to <i>pretérito indefinido</i> 	<p>SAYF Basic: BAR</p> <p>Talking about leisure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Learn it first + 7 activities ➤ Talk about an outing + 5 activities <p>Ordering a drink and a snack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Learn it first + 9 activities <p>RESTAURANT</p>

			<p>Ordering a snack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Learn it first + 5 activities <p>Asking for the bill and querying it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Learn it first + 4 activities <p>Ordering a meal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Learn it first + 10 activities <p>Expressing satisfaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Learn it first + 5 activities <p>http://lcitc.langcen.cam.ac.uk/spanish/sayf/basic/sayfbp.php</p> <p>CARPETA: Deber 2</p>
6: Sitios e indicaciones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repasamos cómo hablar de ciudades ➤ Pedimos indicaciones ➤ Nos orientamos en el departamento y el laboratorio ➤ Hablamos del pasado de ciudades ➤ Hablamos de sitios de interés científico (museo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: detailed <i>description of places</i> ➤ Verbs <i>ser</i> and <i>estar</i> in context ➤ Formal imperative (affirmative and negative) ➤ Adverbs of place 	<p>SAYF Basic</p> <p>BAR</p> <p>Learn it first:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hablar del fin de semana pasado + 6 activities <p>PETROL STATION</p> <p>Learn it first:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pedir y comprender indicaciones en coche + 6 activities <p>http://lcitc.langcen.cam.ac.uk/spanish/sayf/basic/sayfbp.php</p>
7: ¿Qué vas a hacer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hablamos de las vacaciones futuras ➤ Repasamos las ciudades ➤ Pedimos indicaciones ➤ Repaso general de los temas estudiados 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>description of places and holiday activities</i> ➤ The future: <i>future imperfecto</i> and <i>ir + a + infinitive</i> ➤ Review of grammar items studied in the term in context 	<p>CARPETA: Deber 3 (para completar en las vacaciones)</p>
<p>¡FELIZ NAVIDAD Y UN PRÓSPERO AÑO NUEVO!</p> <p>¡FELICES VACACIONES!</p>			

Segundo trimestre (Lent)

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8: ¿Qué hiciste en las vacaciones?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repaso general de los temas estudiados ➤ Hablamos de las vacaciones pasadas ➤ Aprendemos a hablar del pasado ➤ Contamos anécdotas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>description of places and holiday activities</i> ➤ grammar items studied in context ➤ El pretérito indefinido (simple past): regular verbs and some irregular verbs 	<p>Reading comprehension:</p> <p>Expedición a Sudamérica (PASOS 1) Answer comprehension and grammar questions.</p> <p>NB: The answers to the exercises are at the back.</p>
9: Ciudades, ciencia y aventura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Describimos ciudades en detalle ➤ Conocemos cómo se han desarrollado las ciudades ➤ Hablamos de sitios de interés científico ➤ Hablamos de nuestras aventuras y viajes pasados ➤ Visitamos la Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias, Valencia, España 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>description of cities and monuments</i> ➤ El pretérito perfecto (regular and irregular) ➤ El pretérito indefinido (simple past): regular verbs and some irregular verbs 	CARPETA: Deber 4
10: El transporte y la tecnología	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conocemos el transporte en el Mundo Hispano ➤ Comparamos los medios de transporte ➤ Compramos billetes/boletos para viajar ➤ Análisis tecnológico: El AVE (Alta Velocidad Española) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>types of transport, parts of a train</i> ➤ Comparatives and superlatives ➤ Revision: times and timetables ➤ Revision and practice: numbers ➤ Revision and practice: letters of the alphabet 	<p>Grammar practice: Sección A: <i>Actividades</i> Sección A: <i>Gramática</i></p> <p>Reading comprehension: Para viajar en autobús: <i>Sí o No</i></p> <p>NB: The answers to the exercises are at the back.</p>

11: La comida y la ciencia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visitamos un mercado de frutas y verduras ➤ Compramos comida ➤ Preparamos una fiesta ➤ Análisis científico: la dieta mediterránea y sus ventajas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>food, drink,</i> ➤ Weights and measures ➤ Revision: Numbers ➤ The imperative: formal and informal (affirmative and negative) 	<p>Vocabulary practice: Sección A: <i>Actividades</i> Sección A: <i>Gramática</i></p> <p>NB: The answers to the exercises are at the back.</p>
12: La salud y la ciencia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Describimos el cuerpo ➤ Decimos qué nos duele ➤ Contamos un incidente ➤ Pedimos consejo ➤ Nos mantenemos en forma ➤ Análisis científico: los españoles y la salud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>physical description, parts of the body</i> ➤ Revision: past tenses (<i>pretérito indefinido</i> and <i>perfecto</i>) ➤ Verbs with indirect object: <i>doler, aconsejar</i>, etc. ➤ The present subjunctive with advice 	<p>Vocabulary and grammar practice: 13. ¿Qué te pasa? Secciones A y B: <i>Actividades</i> Secciones A y B: <i>Gramática</i></p> <p>NB: The answers to the exercises are at the back.</p>
13: Historias de científicos famosos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hablamos del pasado ➤ Conocemos a personajes del mundo hispano ➤ Hablamos de científicos famosos ➤ Análisis científico: científicos hispanos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>jobs and vocations, history, sciences, inventions</i> ➤ Revision: <i>pretérito indefinido</i> ➤ The <i>pretérito imperfecto</i> in context 	<p>CARPETA: Deber 5 (último)</p>
14: La vida y la ciencia de antes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contamos anécdotas buenas y malas ➤ Hablamos de cultura y de supersticiones ➤ Hablamos de cómo se vivía y estudiaba ➤ Hablamos de un evento que ocurrió mientras ocurría otro ➤ Análisis histórico: descubrimientos de Cambridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary: <i>daily routine, events, sciences, inventions</i> ➤ Revision: <i>pretérito indefinido</i> ➤ Contrast: the <i>pretérito imperfecto</i> and <i>indefinido</i> in context 	<p>Lectura: ¡Tomen nota de este gran inventor!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary ➤ Reading Comprehension ➤ Grammar practice <p>NB: The answers to the exercises are at the back.</p>

15: Examen de video, lectura y redacción: 1 hora 45 minutos durante la última clase

16: Examen oral: Presentación y Conversación: 15 mins: jueves/viernes después de la última clase

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