# Spanish Language Links and Teaching Resources

- <u>Instituto Cervantes</u> exists to promote the Spanish language; their website includes plenty of material for students and teachers of Spanish, plus up-to-date information about cultural events. Our teachers particularly like <u>Lecturas paso a paso</u> (short stories with pre- and postreading exercises) and <u>Pasatiempos de Rayuela</u>(lexical, grammatical, sociocultural exercises).
- <u>BBC Languages</u> have lots of high-quality Spanish material aside frrom the BAFTA-winning Mi Vida Loca and other excellent interactive video courses, have a look at <u>El mensual</u>, an intermediate-level audio magazine which can be browsed by topic or language focus.
  - <u>BBC Learn Spanish</u> is their Facebook presence, designed so you can meet people and start learning together.

## Reference

- <u>WordReference.com</u> has the Concise Oxford Spanish Dictionary, alongside some from Espasa Calpe.
- <u>Real Academia Española</u> gives free access to one of the best (monolingual) Spanish dictionaries.
- <u>diccionarios.com</u> provides access to dictionaries from Vox, including their English<->Spanish offering.
- Oxford Reference Online (which the University subscribes to) has a Business Spanish dictionary as well as the Concise.
- <u>Tomísimo</u> is an English-Spanish bilingual learners' dictionary that makes finding words easy by automatically searching in both languages.

### **Teaching resources**

- <u>VeinteMundos</u> magazine has interesting articles about the Spanish-speaking world, for intermediate & advanced learners. Each article has helpful integrated pop-up vocabulary and an audio reading which allows simultaneous reading and listening. There's also a section for teachers.
- <u>Tecla</u> is a magazine (including exercises) written for learners and teachers of Spanish, with a searchable subject index of past issues. It is produced monthly during term-time by the Spanish Embassy in the UK.
- <u>Phonetics: The Sounds of Spanish</u> animated articulatory diagrams from the University of Iowa (requires Flash).
- <u>Viaje al pasado: los aztecas</u> el perfecto simple y el imperfecto en la narración y la descripción. Attractive interactive multimedia site providing a broad context for all verb forms. Includes animations which explain use of verb forms, 45 exercises and two adventure games in pre-Hispanic Mexico.
  - <u>El Camino de Santiago</u> is another excellent video-based site by the same team at Cégep du Vieux Montréal, this time using the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route to focus on ser, estar, en, a, por, para; identificación, definición, descripción, localización, desplazamiento, causa y finalidad. Woven in with the pilgrim interviews are 48 exercises at level A1-A2.

- <u>Todo Claro</u> offers more than 100 grammar, vocabulary, situation and cultural exercises at all levels. Also has a verb conjugator, though the old <u>Comp-jugador</u> is more comprehensive.
- <u>The Spanish CALL Project</u> has lots of exercises, grammar and links. See also <u>Ejercicios de</u> <u>lengua española</u> - a collection of on-line grammar exercises from Juan Ramón de Arana.
- <u>Learn Spanish</u> a free online tutorial.
- Spanish Food Dictionary

## Literature

- <u>Biblioteca Virtual Miguel de Cervantes</u> a comprehensive virtual library for Hispanic Studies, offering electronic editions of thousands of works spanning many centuries. This is a very valuable tool for students of Spanish.
- <u>Ciudad Seva</u> is the website of author Luis López Nieves, which has a good collection of links for Spanish literature & language.
- <u>Proyecto Sherezade</u> has contemporary short stories in Spanish by authors from all over the world, plus vocabulary and grammar exercises, comprehension questions etc.
- <u>Literatura Argentina Contemporánea</u> extensive details and excerpts of many Argentinian authors.

#### News & media online

- <u>El Mundo</u> is one of Spain's most popular newspapers, which also has <u>La Revista</u> on-line, its Sunday supplement with a good range of full-text articles.
- <u>El País</u> is another popular daily.
- <u>El Periódico</u> Catalunyan daily paper (in Castillian).
- <u>ABC Electrónico</u> right-leaning daily news from Spain.
- Latin American countries are also well-represented; see for example <u>La Jornada</u> from Mexico, <u>Clarín</u> from Argentina, <u>El Tiempo</u> from Colombia, <u>El Mercurio</u> from Chile and Puerto Rico's <u>Televicentro</u> news summaries.
- <u>Google Noticias España</u> allows you to search and browse hundreds of continuously updated news sources.
- <u>TVE Internacional television schedules</u> as seen in the Language Learning Centre.
- <u>Canal Sur</u> TV from Andalucia (for practice with that tricky Southern accent!), or try <u>Canal13</u> TV from Chile.
- <u>BBC Mundo</u> is the Spanish-language website of the BBC World Service lots of features to read and watch, plus a live feed