

AP Spanish Language Exam Format

Section	Item Type	Number of Questions and Percent Weight of Final Score		Time
Section I	Multiple Choice	70 questions	50%	Approx. 80 min.
Part A: Listening	Short Dialogues and Narratives	34 questions	20%	Approx. 35 min.
	Long Dialogues and Narratives			
Part B: Reading	Reading Comprehension	36 questions	30%	45 min.
Section II	Free Response		50%	Approx. 95 min.
Part A: Writing	Interpersonal Writing	1 prompt (10%) 10 minutes	30%	Approx. 65 min.
	Presentational Writing (Integrated Skills)	1 prompt (20%) Approx. 55 minutes		
Part B: Speaking	Interpersonal Speaking — Simulated Conversation	5–6 response prompts (10%) 20 seconds to respond to each	20%	Approx. 30 min.
	Presentational Speaking — Oral Presentation (Integrated Skills)	1 prompt (10%) 2 minutes to respond		

Student Preparation

All four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) should be practiced and integrated regularly, either in the classroom or in a language laboratory. All modes of communication — Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational — should be routinely used. Teachers should refer to the “Claims” and “Evidence” sections (see pp. 6–7) on a regular basis to guide preparation and instruction. In addition, examples of exam tasks are available on AP Central. Teachers can provide these exercises to their students as well as devising similar activities and tasks of their own.

It is recommended that student preparation encompass regular practice of individual language skills, as well as integrated skills, either in the classroom or in a language laboratory, using authentic materials whenever possible. Students must be exposed to authentic language from the very beginning of language learning. Teachers should select level-appropriate materials in order to build the proficiency level required to do well on the AP Exam.

