



**Instituto
Hemingway**

LEVELS OF SPANISH

A1 - ABSOLUTE BEGINNER

A2 - ELEMENTARY

B1 - INTERMEDIATE

B2 - ADVANCED

C1 - LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

C2 - MASTERY

SPANISH SCHOOL IN BILBAO

We offer our students six language learning levels which have been outlined by the Instituto Cervantes. At Instituto Hemingway, students are placed at one of these levels based on what they are capable of doing in the Spanish language:

A1 (BEGINNER)

At this level you have no or little knowledge of Spanish. You are unable to communicate in daily situations

A2 (WAYSTAGE)

You can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to relevant themes and for immediate use. You can present yourself and others, and ask for basic information about homes, origins and backgrounds. You can communicate on a basic level if your interlocutor speaks slowly and is willing to help.

B1 (THRESHOLD)

You are capable of understanding phrases and expressions relating to familiar, regularly encountered matters (basic information about self and family, work, shopping, school, leisure etc) You have errors in conversation and basic grammar and need to improve your linguistic skills.

You can describe in simple terms events and experiences in addition to questions related to immediate necessity.

B2 (VANTAGE)

You are capable of understanding the main points of a text relating to frequently encountered topics such as work, study and leisure, and written in standard Spanish. You can manage with most situations arising whilst traveling in a Spanish speaking area. You are capable of producing simple and coherent texts relating to familiar topics or those of personal interest.

You can describe past experiences and events, hopes and aspirations, briefly explaining them and expressing an opinion.

C1 (EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY)

You are familiar with most grammatical structures but still have some problems using them. Pay attention to correcting typical errors. You will improve colloquial and literary expressions. You are capable of understanding the main ideas of complex texts. You can express yourself clearly and fluently without significant effort. You can produce clear and detailed texts on a variety of topics and can defend your point of view in general discussions.

C2 (MASTERY)

You can understand a wide variety of demanding texts and recognise implicit meaning. You can express yourself fluently and spontaneously without having to search for an appropriate expression. You can use the language flexibly and fluently for social, academic and professional purposes.

You can produce clear, well structured and detailed texts on complex themes whilst demonstrating accurate usage of organizational and cohesive devices.