

Spanish Newsletter

This month's newsletter focuses on Music. We have selected different artists that you might like to discover and included links to their most well-known songs. We have also listed ideas to stretch yourself and a few tasks that you could complete to work towards your Language Expert badge. In order to promote the work of our students, we have also selected pieces of work which demonstrate the qualities of a Gifted and talented Language Learner.

Suggestion of artists :

- **Alvaro Soler - Sofia** : Born in Barcelona to a German father and to a half Spanish and half Belgian mother, he became multilingual at a young age. He moved with his parents to Japan at age 10, staying there until age 17. Listen to « [Sofia](#) »
- **Shakira** : The name *Shakira* is Arabic meaning "grateful". From her mother, she has Spanish and, reportedly Italian ancestry. Listen to « [La Bicicleta](#) »
- **Dvicio – Paraíso** : is a Spanish pop group of 5 boys founded in January 2013. Listen to « [Paraíso](#) »

Ideas to stretch and challenge yourself

- **Spotify**: You can listen to Spanish music and see which songs are trending in Spain by clicking on Browse, Charts, Top 50 by country, Spain.
- **Translation**: Go further and select a song you like to translate the lyrics. You can also go on YouTube, watch the video clip and activate the subtitles (settings icon, switch on subtitles – if available)
- **Lyrics challenge**: Go on [Lyricstraining.com](#) to listen to Spanish songs and try to type missing words in the lyrics ! Here is one you could try « [La camisa negra](#) » by Juanes
- **Events** : check the websites of [British Spanish Society](#) and of the [Spanish Institute](#) to check all events going on in London related to Spain and Hispanic culture

Music tasks of the month – Choose one:

- Create a poem/song in Spanish on a topic of your choice.
- Choose a song in Spanish and translate its lyrics.
- Research information about 3 Spanish singers, listen to their songs and try to give your opinion of them

Spanish Music Fact:

- One of the most popular Spanish song of all time is « [Bésame mucho](#) » Velazquez was a teen in Mexico when she wrote it in 1940. With its easy to say entreaty, it became, by some accounts, the most recorded and covered Spanish language song of all time. Even [The Beatles](#) covered it, part of a long list of artists who recorded the song in many languages.