



# USEFUL INFO ABOUT YOUR SPANISH LESSONS



## FIRSTLY: WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR SPANISH LEVEL

We do not want you to miss a single minute of your Spanish classes doing level tests on your first day, for this reason you will take this test before your arrival. It is very easy and consists of a written and an oral part. It is necessary you perform both parts of the test to know your exact level of Spanish.

It is very important that you complete the level test when you register or, at the latest, three or four weeks before your arrival. If you do not, you will probably start in a group with a different level from yours, therefore you will have wasted your first lessons until we reallocate you in the correct group.

Do not prepare answers in advance or receive help from anyone. If you do not know the answer to any of the test questions, do not answer it. The test is for teachers to know your real level of Spanish: what knowledge you have, what you don't know, and what aspects you need to learn.

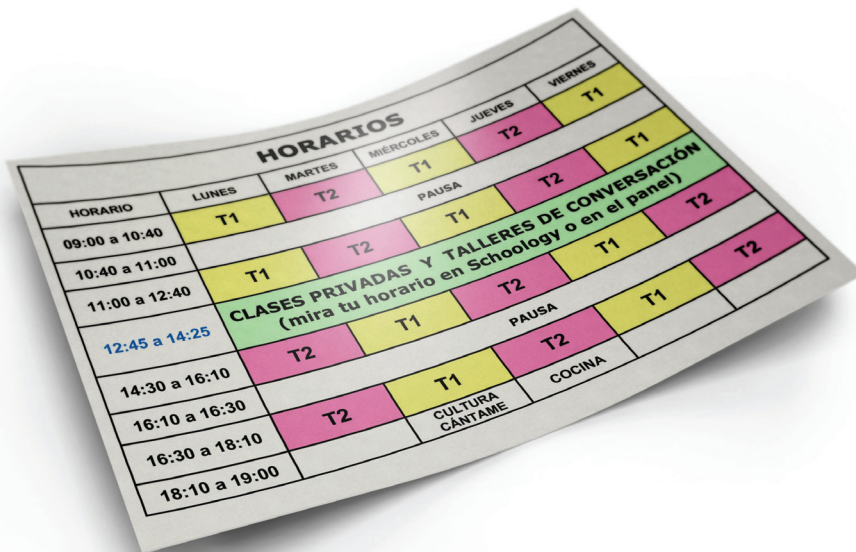
Are you ready? So, now you can take the online level test by clicking here:

**LEVEL TEST**

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Taronja school has an exclusive ZIG-ZAG schedule system, which means that some groups have classes in the morning on Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays and Tuesdays / Thursdays in the afternoon, while the rest of the groups have them the other way.

After many years of testing different schedules, we have realized that this system is the best since all students can enjoy '2 free mornings' and '3 free afternoons' every week, and vice versa. Thus, everyone is happy and the course is more comfortable.



	LUNES	MARTES	MIERCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES
<b>HORARIO</b>					
09:00 a 10:40	T1	T2	T1	T2	T1
10:40 a 11:00			PAUSA		
11:00 a 12:40	T1	T2	T1	T2	T1
12:45 a 14:25	CLASES PRIVADAS Y TALLERES DE CONVERSACIÓN (mira tu horario en Schoology o en el panel)				
14:30 a 16:10	T2	T1	T2	T1	T2
16:10 a 16:30			PAUSA		
16:30 a 18:10	T2	T1	T2	T1	T2
18:10 a 19:00			CULTURA CANTAME	COCINA	

We have two types of schedules:  
T1 and T2:

- Classes in T1 (YELLOW SHIFT): Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.
- Classes in T2 (PINK SHIFT): Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon, Tuesday and Thursday morning.





## CHECK YOUR SCHEDULE!

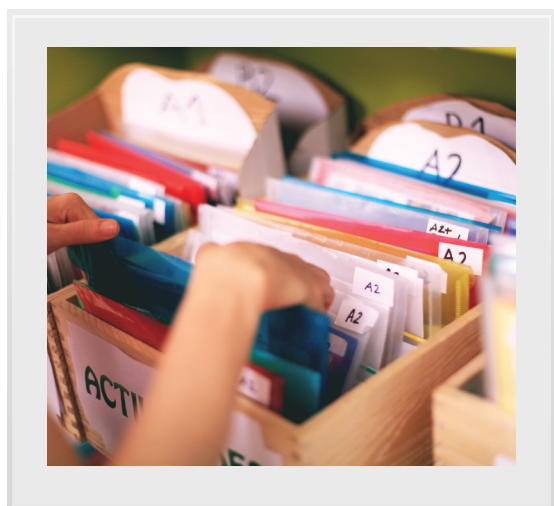
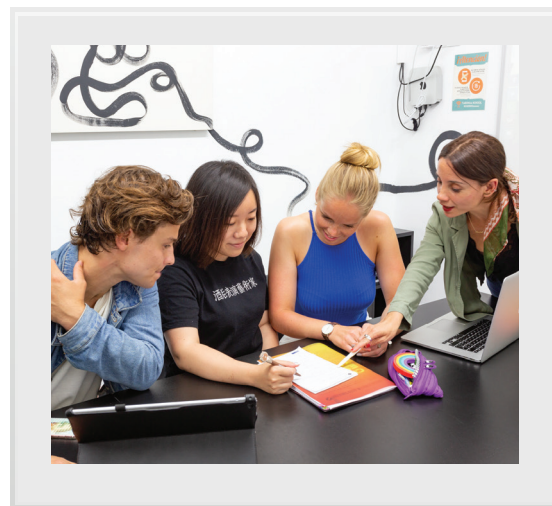
Your schedule may change every week. Therefore, it is important to check always in which shift you will be the following week. You may be changed to a different shift, or you may stay in the same one. The schedule will be published online every Friday from 7:00 p.m. Check it here:

**SCHEDULE**

Throughout the week, you can check your schedule again by entering our virtual classroom Schoology (group INFO TARONJA).

## TEACHERS

Every week you will have 2 different teachers (sometimes even 3). We do this on purpose because each teacher has a different style, a different accent, etc. This method is very good and enriching for your learning. All teachers follow the same weekly program for each group, they use the same materials and coordinate with each other.



## TEACHING MATERIALS

We don't usually use a book in our courses (except for levels B2 and C1). Our teaching team selects and uses files, activities, short films, videos, songs, etc. As you can see, Taronja uses its own materials, created by our school. In this way we can adapt better to the needs of each group and, thanks to this, new students can join our open courses any week of the year by following the content programmed for their level.

Another advantage of not following a book is the attention, care, work and dedication that teachers invest in the preparation of lessons. They adapt to the learning pace of their students, always selecting what is most appropriate for the group in order to fully develop its communicative competences in Spanish.

We use a communicative teaching method. Our goal is to get students immersed in real situations by just showing them the doors they need to open to learn in a different, fast and effective way.

## COURSE FOLLOW-UP

We have already mentioned that our teachers are perfectly coordinated with each other but, in addition, they follow several guidelines to make a correct follow-up of the course:

- a) Weekly program:** every Monday teachers explain the academic program of the week and also its socio-cultural agenda.
- b) Class diaries:** every day, at the end of class, we make a general review of what we have learnt (structures, vocabulary, grammar).
- c) Activities reminder:** teachers do a brief daily reminder of the activities going on in the school.
- d) Friday self-assessment:** small weekly review for the student. It is corrected in class.

## VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Taronja school has a virtual classroom called Schoology where you can find information about schedules, cultural activities and, of course, exercises, materials and extra teaching resources to study and practice Spanish after class. You can easily access Schoology from your computer, mobile, iPad, tablet...

On your first day of class your teacher will help you create your account and give you access codes.

## BOOKS AND FILMS



If you want to have a book or movie to practice your Spanish, you can ask the staff at the reception.

## TUTORIAL / ACADEMIC GUIDANCE MEETING

If you have doubts about your level, you are not comfortable in your group, you need any recommendations about your learning plan or information about the DELE/SIELE exams, we offer you a private 15-minute meeting with one of our study leaders to guide you.

Very important: it is necessary to book an appointment at reception previously.

The schedules available for tutorials are:

- Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Note:** Remember that if you want to make a group or class change for the following week you must inform us before Friday. On Fridays we cannot make any changes.



# BASIC RULES AND INDICATIONS FOR LESSONS

- Try to **SPEAK SPANISH** with your teachers and your classmates. Try to think it is a game in which you have to speak Spanish all the time. If you use English with your classmates on your first day, it will be more difficult and awkward to switch to Spanish later. Believe us!
- Try to participate in classes, don't be shy.
- The best way to learn Spanish is to practice it. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, it's normal and fun!
- Respect students of other nationalities and remember that each country has different customs.
- Please do not eat, drink or chew gum during lessons.
- Out of respect for your classmates, mobile phones should remain turned off during class. You cannot use Whatsapp, Facebook, etc. You can only use the dictionary/translator. We invite you to bring your iPad or tablet to class.



- Be punctual. If you arrive 15 minutes late you are not allowed to enter the classroom.
- If you miss 3 lessons in the same week you cannot continue in the same group on the following week.



- A certificate of the course will be delivered on your last Friday after class. To obtain it you must attend at least 80% of the lessons.
- If you have to leave before Friday, notify reception a few days before so we can prepare your certificate.





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