

Hints for practising at home

Get into the habit of saying the time to yourself in Spanish whenever you plan to do something, not just major events but everyday activities such as going to work, eating your lunch, watching a programme on television or going to bed.

Surfing in Spanish

The railway system in Spain is called **la RENFE**. You could visit the website: <http://horarios.renfe.es/hir/> and do a timetable search. How long does the direct train from Bilbao in the North take to reach Málaga in the South? To find out, load the page and in the box marked **Origen** choose Bilbao-Abando. Next, select Málaga in the box marked **Destino**. Then click on the grey box **Realizar consulta**. How much does it cost in tourist class?

Take a look at the website of the Hotel Infanta Isabel, where Kevin stayed: www.visitarsegovia.com/hoteles/infantaisabel/. Use your dictionary to help you work out just what facilities are offered.

Visit www.segoviamint.org/espanol/segovia.htm#fotos for a virtual tour of Segovia. It's a fabulous city.

Spanish on television

In the BBC *Talk Spanish TV programmes, you can consolidate what you've learnt in Stage 5 of Spanish Steps. In Programme 3 you can watch visitors asking about places of interest in Valencia and historic Xàtiva. Programme 4 follows people booking into the rather special Hotel Mont Sant, and in Programme 5 you can watch people at Valencia station planning their rail journeys.

*Talk Spanish is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). You'll find the details on www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone.

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