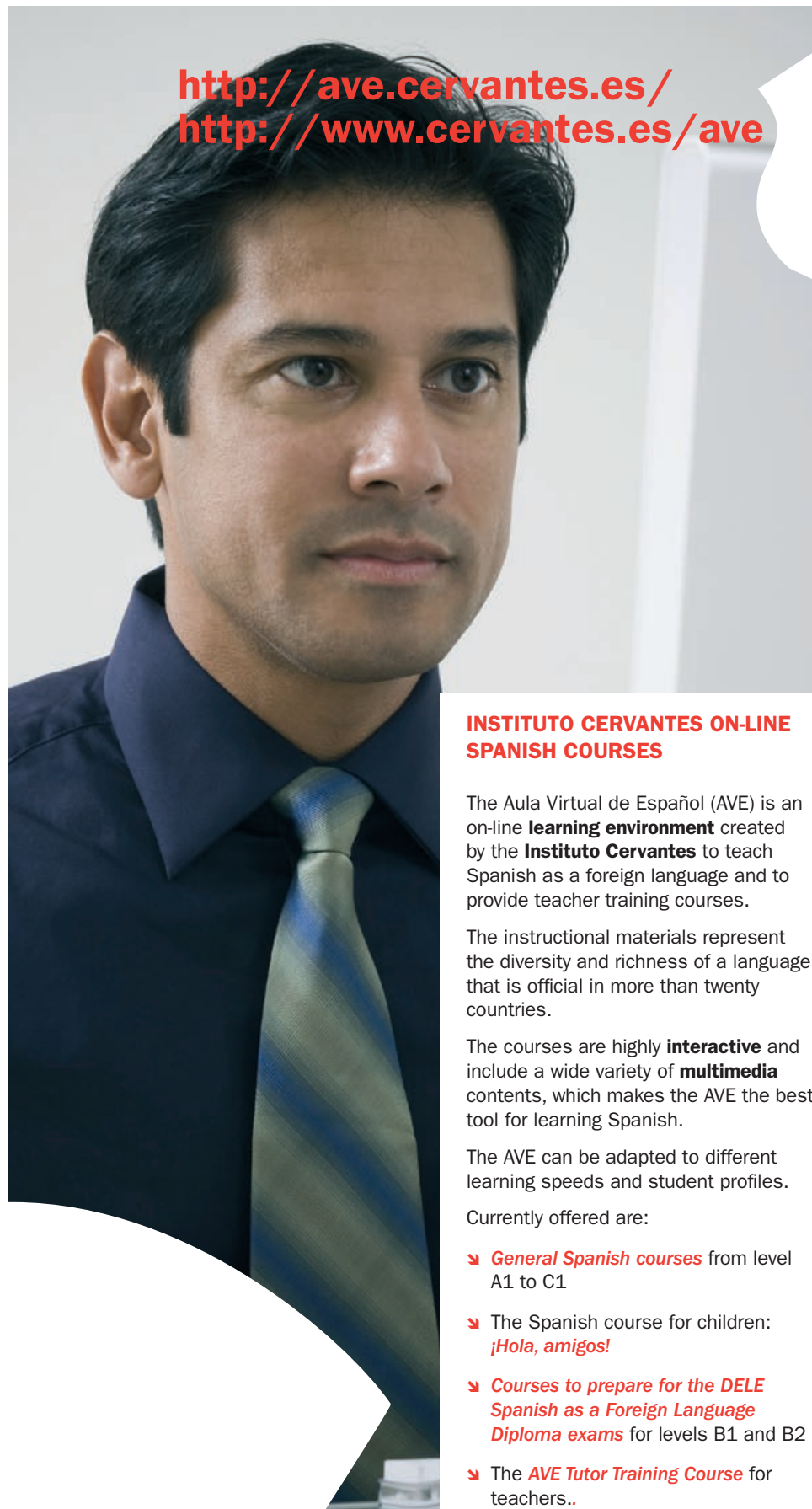


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**INSTITUTO CERVANTES ON-LINE
SPANISH COURSES**

The Aula Virtual de Español (AVE) is an on-line **learning environment** created by the **Instituto Cervantes** to teach Spanish as a foreign language and to provide teacher training courses.

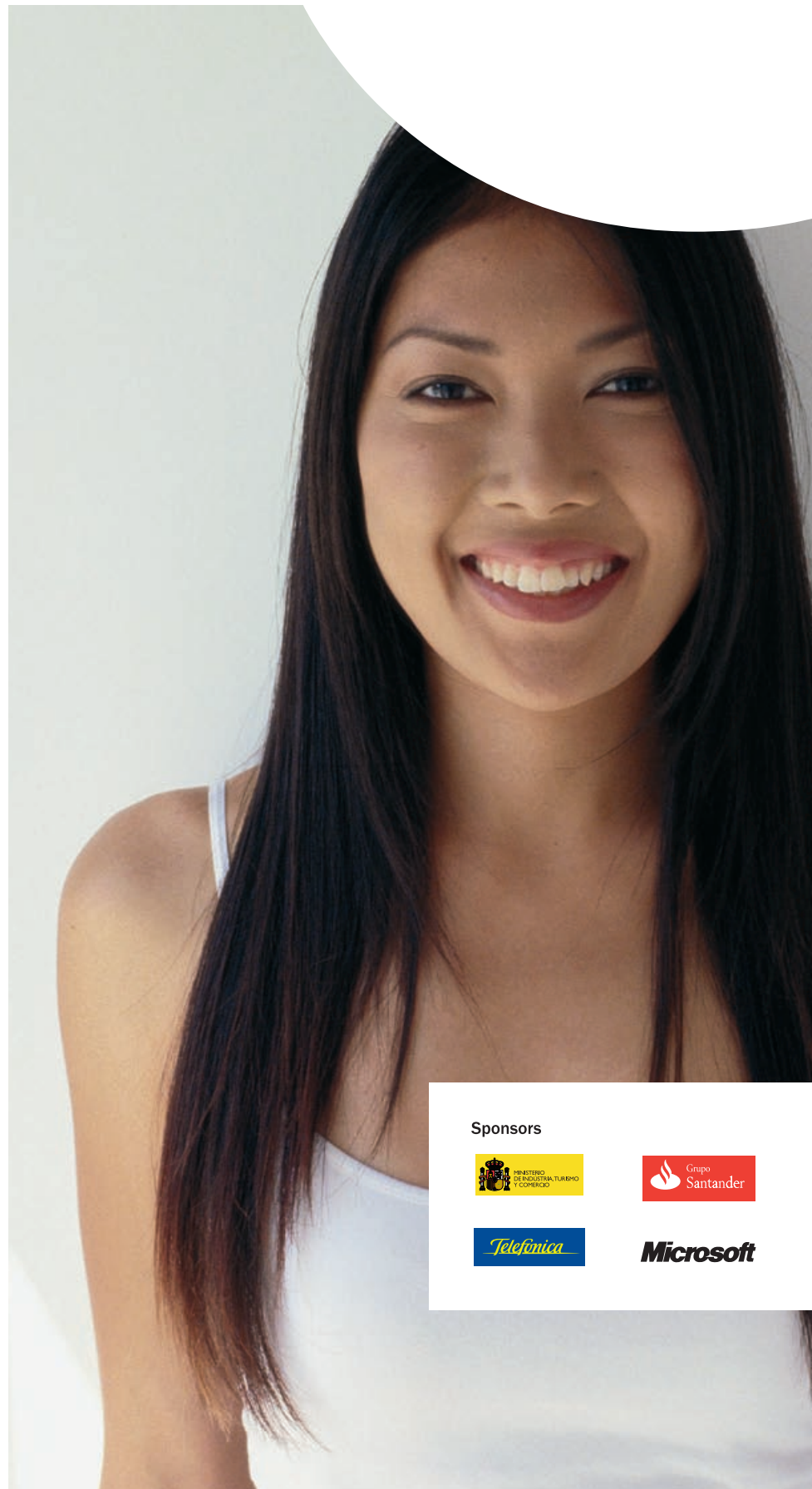
The instructional materials represent the diversity and richness of a language that is official in more than twenty countries.

The courses are highly **interactive** and include a wide variety of **multimedia** contents, which makes the AVE the best tool for learning Spanish.





The AVE can be adapted to different learning speeds and student profiles.

Currently offered are:

- **General Spanish courses** from level A1 to C1
- The Spanish course for children: **¡Hola, amigos!**
- **Courses to prepare for the DELE Spanish as a Foreign Language Diploma exams** for levels B1 and B2
- The **AVE Tutor Training Course** for teachers..



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LEVELS

The general Spanish courses at the Aula Virtual de Español (AVE) cover the first five levels of the *Instituto Cervantes Curriculum and the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*:

- A1** between 60 and 80 hours of study
- A2** between 60 and 80 hours of study
- B1** between 120 and 150 hours of study
- B2** between 120 and 150 hours of study
- C1** between 120 and 150 hours of study

The *¡Hola, amigos!* course for children covers levels A1 and A2.

THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS INCLUDE

- ✎ **Audiovisual materials consisting of** 150 videos, with video clips from movies, informational and cultural programs, documentaries, etc.
- ✎ **Interactive multimedia** activities to learn Spanish through literature, cinema, music, dance and folklore.
- ✎ The most modern **communications tools** (chat programs, forums, *blogs*, *wikis* and email), which allow for group dynamics among people from anywhere around the world.
- ✎ The **automatic tracking system** and other evaluation tools facilitate the work of both students and tutors.
- ✎ Instructional materials ideal for **independent study**.
- ✎ The **tutor training course** allows teachers to train as tutors at the Aula Virtual de Español.

The Instituto Cervantes provides on-line instructional materials with the objective of assisting students as they develop the capacity to use the Spanish language to communicate and to assimilate cross-cultural awareness. The AVE incorporates information and communications technologies (ICTs) into Spanish teaching in a simple manner, taking full advantage of computer equipment at the study centers.

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General Spanish Courses

The Instituto Cervantes offers the Aula Virtual de Español (AVE), the first platform to include from the early stages of its planning the objective of integrating information and communications technologies (ICTs) and the teaching of Spanish into a single product. A large number of institutions, universities and private entities have included the AVE in their educational programs.

- The general Spanish courses provided by the AVE cover the first five levels of the *Instituto Cervantes Curriculum* and the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*, with **more than 500 hours of study** available for students.
- The AVE is an educational environment that includes instructional materials specifically designed to interact with students. It may be used for **on-site, semi-distance** and **distance** learning, with the only requirement being access to a computer and an Internet connection.
- The Spanish teacher is able to provide **group activities** for students who opt for semi-distance or distance learning, thanks to the AVE's communications tools, which include: chat programs, forums, *blogs*, *wikis* and email.
- The AVE contains **abundant material in multimedia format**, including more than 8,000 screens with interactive activities and more than 150 video clips that introduce the students to the linguistic and cultural diversity of Spanish-speaking countries.
- The AVE provides **student guides** and an **AVE tutor training course** in order to make the most of the platform's functionalities.

Additional information is provided at <http://ave.cervantes.es/> for different profiles of people who are interested, as well as samples of the instructional materials.

DELE Preparation Courses

The *DELE Preparation Courses* (**Beginning Level B1** and **Intermediate Level B2**) provide students with information and specific exercises in order to succeed in the final phase of their Spanish learning process: the certification of their knowledge by means of the DELE exam. These courses are conducted **on-line** at **Aula Virtual de Español** (the AVE), the on-line learning platform from the Instituto Cervantes.

- These courses are intended for **candidates who are taking the DELE exams** (Beginning Level B1 and Intermediate Level B2) and wish to familiarize themselves with the dynamics of these tests and their sections, as well as practice the type of activities found on the exam.
- Students who take these courses already have the level of linguistic competence necessary to pass the exams, but need **to learn test-taking techniques** that allow them to apply their knowledge and competences in an effective, efficient manner.
- Each course requires between **15 and 20 hours of independent work** on the part of the student, which represents the completion of around **140 activities**.
- Especially helpful are **videos showing oral interaction**, in which students can see **recordings of real oral exams** in order to become well acquainted with the test before taking their first exam.
- The instructional material is organized so that students can access **it while guided** by a learning itinerary divided into five parts, each corresponding to a section of the exam, or by **section of the exam**, depending on which section the student wishes to practice.



Spanish Courses for Children and Teenagers

The Instituto Cervantes offers *¡Hola, amigos!*, a Spanish course for **children and teenagers**. The course is **conducted on-line** and can be found at Aula Virtual de Español (the AVE).

¡Hola, amigos! is divided into three levels of nine units each and covers **levels A1 and A2** of the *Instituto Cervantes Curriculum* and the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*. Materials may be used as a complete course with a guided instructional sequence or as an activities bank, in which they are used for independent study and can be accessed on an individual basis.

The quality of the interactive and multimedia materials stands out, as does the variety and richness of the types of activities and the **extraordinary amount of multimedia materials**, both audio and video, part of which were specifically created for this resource by the television network Antena 3.

Users have been especially pleased with the fact that the units revolve around **animated clips** that include a plot and characters **suited to the type of audience** for which these courses are intended. The main characters of the video clips for each unit are groups of children and teenagers, each from a different Spanish-speaking country, who experience **adventures that are typical of young people their age**. The activities and games included in each unit revolve around an adventure from the video clip and require **the students to participate creatively**, making learning fun.

The **different varieties of Spanish are represented** in a balanced, systematic manner, with children's voices from ten Spanish-speaking countries in different geographic areas. The illustrations and texts **also depict the cultural diversity found in the Spanish-speaking world**.

children and teenagers