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## Common Spanish Verbs with Prepositions

Verbs that require the preposition a		
Verb	Meaning	Example
acercarse a + noun	to approach, to come close to	<i>El perro se acercó al gato.</i> The dog came close to the cat.
acostumbrarse a + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to get used to	<i>Me acostumbré a tomar café sin azúcar.</i> I got used to drinking coffee without sugar.
aprender a + infinitive	to learn to	<i>Estoy aprendiendo a cocinar.</i> I'm learning to cook.
asistir a + noun	to attend	<i>Asistimos a una conferencia sobre idiomas.</i> We attended a conference about languages.
atreverse a + infinitive	to dare to	<i>Me atreví a saltar en paracaídas.</i> I dared to jump in a parachute.
ayudar a + noun	to help	<i>Ayuda a tu madre con la cena.</i> Help your mother with dinner.
comenzar a	to start to	<i>Esta semana comenzamos a leer "Cien años de soledad."</i> This week we start to read "One hundred years of solitude."
correr a + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to run to	<i>Corre a buscar a tu hermano.</i> Run to look for your brother.



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<i>decidirse a + infinitive</i>	to decide to	<i>¿Te decidiste a empezar una nueva carrera?</i> Did you decide to start a new major?
<i>dedicarse a + infinitive / noun / pronoun</i>	to dedicate oneself to	<i>Ella se dedica a la repostería.</i> She dedicates herself to baking.
<i>empezar a + infinitive</i>	to begin to	<i>Empiecen a escribir sus ensayos.</i> Begin to write your essays.
<i>enseñar a + infinitive / noun / pronoun</i>	to teach to	<i>Alberto me enseña a hablar portugués.</i> Alberto is teaching me to speak Portuguese.
<i>inspirar a + infinitive</i>	to inspire to	<i>Este libro me inspiró a ser mejor.</i> This book inspired me to be better.
<i>invitar a + infinitive / noun / pronoun</i>	to invite to	<i>Los invitamos al taller sobre literatura del Caribe.</i> We are inviting you to a workshop on Caribbean literature.
<i>ir a + infinitive / noun</i>	to go to	<i>¿Vamos a la pizzería esta noche?</i> Are we going to the pizzeria tonight?
<i>llegar a + infinitive / noun / pronoun</i>	to arrive to/at, to succeed in	<i>Mi abuelo llegó a ser el dueño de la compañía.</i> My grandfather succeeded in becoming the owner of the company.



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<i>meterse a</i> + noun	to take up	<i>Me metí a una clase de baile.</i> I took up a dancing class.
<i>montar a</i> + noun	to ride	<i>A Juan le gusta montar a caballo.</i> Juan likes horseback riding.
<i>negarse a</i> + infinitive	to refuse to	<i>El se negó a recibir mi ayuda.</i> He refused to take my help.
<i>oler a</i> + noun / pronoun	to smell of	<i>Esta torta huele a naranja.</i> This cake smells of oranges.
<i>oponerse a</i> + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to oppose, to be opposed to	<i>Los estudiantes se oponen a tomar un examen en línea.</i> The students are opposed to taking an online test.
<i>ponerse a</i> + infinitive	to start to	<i>Me puse a limpiar después de la fiesta.</i> I started to clean after the party.
<i>quedarse a</i> + infinitive	to stay to	<i>¿Te quedaste a escuchar el concierto?</i> Did you stay to listen to the concert?
<i>regresar a</i> + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to go back to	<i>Regresamos a casa el domingo en la mañana.</i> We went back home on Sunday morning.



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<i>resistirse a</i> + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to resist	<i>Me resisto a tomar una clase a las 6 de la mañana.</i> I resist taking a class at 6 in the morning.
<i>saber a</i> + noun	to taste like	<i>Este pan sabe a ajo.</i> This bread tastes like garlic.
<i>salir a</i> + infinitive	to go out to	<i>Salí a caminar un rato.</i> I went out to walk for a while.
<i>sonar a</i> + noun / pronoun	to sound like	<i>Esa risa suena a tu hermana.</i> That laugh sounds like your sister.
<i>venir a</i> + infinitive / pronoun	to come to	<i>Mis amigos vinieron a ver una película.</i> My friends came to see a movie.
<i>volver a</i> + infinitive / pronoun	to return to, to do something again	<i>¿Volviste a llamar a la oficina?</i> Did you call the office again?



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<i>acabar de</i> + infinitive	to have just	<i>Acabamos de comer el postre.</i> We have just had dessert.
<i>acordarse de</i> + infinitive / pronoun / noun	to remember (someone or something)	<i>¿Te acuerdas de la profesora Lucía?</i> Do you remember teacher Lucía?
<i>alegrarse de</i> + infinitive	to be glad about	<i>Se alegraron de verme.</i> They were glad to see me.
<i>arrepentirse de</i> + infinitive	to regret	<i>Me arrepiento de gastar ese dinero.</i> I regret spending that money.
<i>cansarse de</i> + infinitive / pronoun / noun	to get tired of	<i>El perro se cansó de correr muy rápido.</i> The dog got tired of running so quickly.



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<i>dejar de + infinitive</i>	to stop (doing something)	<i>Dejé de comer carne el año pasado.</i> I stopped eating meat last year.
<i>disfrutar de + noun / pronoun</i>	to enjoy (something)	<i>¿Disfrutaste de tus vacaciones?</i> Did you enjoy your vacation?
<i>olvidarse de + infinitive / pronoun / noun</i>	to forget about (something or someone)	<i>Me olvidé de decirte que tu madre llamó.</i> I forgot to tell you that your mother called.
<i>terminar de + infinitive</i>	to finish (doing something)	<i>¿Terminaste de leer el libro?</i> Did you finish reading the book?
<i>tratar de + infinitive</i>	to try to	<i>Traté de enviarte un mensaje, pero no tenía señal.</i> I tried to send you a message, but I had no signal.



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Verbs that require the preposition <i>en</i>		
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<i>confiar en</i> + infinitive / pronoun / noun	to believe	<i>Ella confía en hacer un buen trabajo.</i> She believes she'll do a good job.
<i>consistir en</i> + noun	to consist of	<i>Esta presentación consiste en tres partes.</i> This presentation consists of three parts.
<i>insistir en</i> + infinitive	to insist	<i>Ellos insisten en llamarme por mi segundo nombre.</i> They insist on calling me by my middle name.
<i>molestarse en</i> + infinitive	to take the trouble to	<i>Julián se molestó en prestarme sus notas.</i> Julián took the trouble to lend me his notes.
<i>quedar en</i> + infinitive	to arrange to do something, to agree to do something	<i>Quedamos en vernos en el parque a las 3.</i> We agreed to meet in the park at 3.
<i>tardar en</i> + infinitive	to take time to do something	<i>¿Tardaste una hora en hacer un sandwich?</i> You took one hour to make a sandwich?

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