



SPANISH TABLE

Prepositions of Time



| preposition of time | meaning | use | example |
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| a | at | to tell the time | <i>Todos los días me despierto a las 7.</i> Every day I wake up at 7. |
| | after | to indicate the period of time after something happened | <i>Conoció a Miguel y empezaron a trabajar juntos al mes.</i> She met Miguel and they started working together after a month. |
| de | in | to introduce a part of the day corresponding to an hour | <i>Me gusta leer a las 9 de la noche.</i> I like to read at 9 in the evening. |
| | at | with the phrases <i>de día</i> (at daytime), <i>de noche</i> (at nighttime), <i>de madrugada</i> (at dawn) | <i>Muchas personas trabajan de noche.</i> Many people work at night. |
| | from | (combined with <i>a</i>) to indicate the starting and ending points of an action or situation | <i>Trabajo de lunes a viernes.</i> I work from Monday to Friday. |
| por | in | to introduce the parts of the day | <i>Por la mañana hago ejercicio y voy a la universidad.</i> In the morning, I workout and go to the university. |
| | for | to express the duration of an activity or event | <i>Estuvimos en la reunión por 45 minutos.</i> We were at the meeting for 45 minutes. |
| para | by, for | to introduce a deadline in a specific time | <i>La tarea es para el viernes a la medianoche.</i> The homework is due by Friday at midnight. |





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| en | in | to talk about months, seasons, and years | <i>Me gusta ir a la montaña en invierno.</i> I like to go to the mountain in winter. |
| | | with phrases with the word <i>momento</i> | <i>En febrero hablé con María. En ese momento ella estaba trabajando para un canal de televisión.</i> I spoke with María in February. At that time, she was working for a television channel. |
| | | to introduce a period of time in the future in which something is going to happen or is expected to happen | <i>Ahora estoy trabajando, pero te llamaré en media hora.</i> Right now I'm working, but I'll call you in half an hour. |
| desde | from, since | to indicate the starting point of an action | <i>Estuvimos en casa de Nicolás desde las 5.</i> We were at Nicolas' since 5. |
| hasta | to, until | to indicate the ending point of an action | <i>Estuvimos en casa de Nicolás hasta la medianoche.</i> We were at Nicolas' until midnight. |
| | see you (on) | in expressions like "see you tomorrow" or with days of the week: "see you on Wednesday!" | <i>¡Hasta mañana!</i> See you tomorrow! (literal: Until tomorrow!) |



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| <i>desde... hasta... de... a...</i> | from... until/to... | to indicate when something happened, including the starting and ending points | <i>Estuvimos en casa de Nicolás desde las 5 hasta la medianoche.</i> We were at Nicolás' from 5 until midnight. |
| <i>durante</i> | during | to emphasize the duration of an action | <i>Muchas personas hicieron preguntas durante la presentación.</i> Many people asked questions during the presentation. |
| <i>tras</i> | after, afterwards | to indicate that an action happened after another | <i>Tras la presentación, mi jefe me felicitó.</i> After the presentation, my boss congratulated me. |
| <i>entre</i> | between | to indicate an intermediate situation | <i>Nos vemos en el café entre las 3 y las 3:30.</i> See you at the coffee shop between 3 and 3:30. |

