



# SPANISH TABLE

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| a                               | from          | to indicate how near or far a place is                             | <i>La escuela está <b>a</b> cinco calles de aquí.</i><br>The school is five streets from here.                |
|                                 | by            | to indicate situation based on a reference point                   | <i>Vi a mi amiga <b>a</b> la entrada de la escuela.</i><br>I saw my friend by the school entrance.            |
|                                 | to            | to indicate where a journey or movement ends                       | <i>Voy <b>al</b> supermercado.</i><br>I'm going to the supermarket.   |
| hacia                           | to, towards   | to indicate direction  | <i>Camina <b>hacia</b> la fuente.</i><br>Walk towards the fountain.   |
| para                            | to            | to indicate destination in space                                   | <i>Salimos <b>para</b> el trabajo a las 7:30 de la mañana.</i><br>We leave for work at 7:30 a.m.              |
| de                              | from          | to indicate where a journey or movement starts                     | <i>Vengo <b>de</b> la casa de mis padres.</i><br>I'm coming from my parents' house.                           |
| desde                           | from          | to indicate where a journey or movement starts with implied motion | <i>El viaje <b>desde</b> mi casa toma 45 minutos.</i><br>The commute from my house takes 45 minutes.          |
| hasta                           | until         | to indicate where a journey or movement ends                       | <i>Camina <b>hasta</b> el parque y gira a la derecha.</i><br>Walk until you get to the park and turn right.   |
| de... a...                      | from... to... | to indicate the starting and ending point of a journey or movement | <i>Todos los días él camina <b>de</b> su casa <b>al</b> trabajo.</i><br>Every day he walks from home to work. |



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| <i>en</i>                       | in               | to indicate the general location of a person, animal, or object    | <i>El perro está <b>en</b> el jardín.</i><br>The dog is in the garden.  |
|                                 | on               |  | <i>El perro está <b>en</b> el sofá.</i><br>The dog is on the sofa.  |
|                                 | at               |  | <i>El perro está <b>en</b> el parque.</i><br>The dog is at the park.  |
| <i>entre</i>                    | between, among   | to indicate intermediate place                                     | <i>Ecuador está <b>entre</b> Colombia y Perú.</i><br>Ecuador is between Colombia and Peru.                              |
| <i>por</i>                      | through, around  | to indicate movement through space                                 | <i>Vimos a los chicos <b>por</b> la universidad esta mañana.</i><br>We saw the guys around the university this morning. |



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| <i>sobre</i>                    | on, over, above     | to indicate the general location of a person, animal, or object   | <i>El perro está <b>sobre</b> el sofá.</i><br>The dog is on the sofa.   |
| <i>ante</i>                     | before, in front of | to indicate the general location of a person, animal, or object facing something or someone else                      | <i>Tienes <b>ante</b> ti mi nuevo auto.</i><br>You have my new car in front of you.   |
| <i>bajo</i>                     | under, beneath      | to indicate the inferior or lower location of a person, animal, or object   | <i>Hay un tesoro <b>bajo</b> esta casa.</i><br>There's a treasure chest under this house.   |
| <i>contra</i>                   | against             | to indicate that something or someone is in physical contact by leaning or being held up by something or someone else | <i>Los libros están <b>contra</b> la puerta.</i><br>The books are against the door.   |
| <i>tras</i>                     | behind              | to indicate that something or someone is located on the other side of something or someone else                       | <i>Esto es Chile, pero <b>tras</b> todas esas montañas está Argentina.</i><br>This is Chile, but behind all those mountains is Argentina. |