



SPANISH TABLE

Prepositions of Time



preposition of time	meaning	use	example
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.