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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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decidirse a + infinitive	to decide to	<i>¿Te decidiste a empezar una nueva carrera?</i> [Did you decide to start a new major?]
dedicarse a + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to dedicate oneself to	<i>Ella se dedica a la repostería.</i> [She dedicates herself to baking.]
empezar a + infinitive	to begin to	<i>Empiecen a escribir sus ensayos.</i> [Begin to write your essays.]
enseñar a + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to teach to	<i>Alberto me enseña a hablar portugués.</i> [Alberto is teaching me to speak Portuguese.]
inspirar a + infinitive	to inspire to	<i>Este libro me inspiró a ser mejor.</i> [This book inspired me to be better.]
invitar a + infinitive / noun / pronoun	to invite to	<i>Los invitamos al taller sobre literatura del Caribe.</i> [We are inviting you to a workshop on Caribbean literature.]
ir a + infinitive / noun	to go to	<i>¿Vamos a la pizzería esta noche?</i> [Are we going to the pizzeria tonight?]
llegar a + infinitive / noun / pronoun	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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resistirse a + 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.]
saber a + noun	to taste like	<i>Este pan sabe a ajo.</i> [This bread tastes like garlic.]
salir a + infinitive	to go out to	<i>Salí a caminar un rato.</i> [I went out to walk for a while.]
sonar a + noun / pronoun	to sound like	<i>Esa risa suena a tu hermana.</i> [That laugh sounds like your sister.]
venir a + infinitive / pronoun	to come to	<i>Mis amigos vinieron a ver una película.</i> [My friends came to see a movie.]
volver a + 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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acabar de + infinitive	to have just	Acabamos de comer el postre. [We have just had dessert.]
acordarse de + infinitive / pronoun / noun	to remember (someone or something)	¿Te acuerdas de la profesora Lucía? [Do you remember teacher Lucía?]
alegrarse de + infinitive	to be glad about	Se alegraron de verme. [They were glad to see me.]
arrepentirse de + infinitive	to regret	Me arrepiento de gastar ese dinero. [I regret spending that money.]
cansarse de + infinitive / pronoun / noun	to get tired of	El perro se cansó de correr muy rápido. [The dog got tired of running so quickly.]



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dejar de + infinitive	to stop (doing something)	<i>Dejé de comer carne el año pasado.</i> [I stopped eating meat last year.]
disfrutar de + noun / pronoun	to enjoy (something)	<i>¿Disfrutaste de tus vacaciones?</i> [Did you enjoy your vacation?]
olvidarse de + infinitive / pronoun / noun	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.]
terminar de + infinitive	to finish (doing something)	<i>¿Terminaste de leer el libro?</i> [Did you finish reading the book?]
tratar de + infinitive	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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confiar en + infinitive / pronoun / noun	to believe	<i>Ella confía en hacer un buen trabajo.</i> [She believes she'll do a good job.]
consistir en + noun	to consist of	<i>Esta presentación consiste en tres partes.</i> [This presentation consists of three parts.]
insistir en + infinitive	to insist	<i>Ellos insisten en llamarme por mi segundo nombre.</i> [They insist on calling me by my middle name.]
molestarte en + infinitive	to take the trouble to	<i>Julián se molestó en prestarme sus notas.</i> [Julián took the trouble to lend me his notes.]
quedarse en + 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.]
tardar en + 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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