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Most common Spanish prepositions

Preposition	English equivalent	Use	Example
a	—	to indicate the way to do something	<i>Los sábados siempre cocinamos pasta a la mantequilla.</i> On Saturdays we always cook buttered pasta.
	—	to indicate the means to do something	<i>Estoy aprendiendo a pintar al óleo.</i> I'm learning oil painting.
	to	to indicate purpose with verbs of movement	<i>Vine aquí a pedir información.</i> I came here to ask for information.
	—	to introduce a direct object that refers to people and is specific	<i>¿Extrañas a tu hermano?</i> Do you miss your brother?
	—	to introduce a direct object that refers to an animal we treat like a person	<i>Voy a recoger a mi perro de la guardería.</i> I'm picking up my dog from the pet daycare.
	to/for	to introduce the indirect object	<i>Envía este mensaje al jefe.</i> Send this message to the boss.
	on	to introduce the following means of transportation: on foot, on horse	<i>Mi amiga va a la escuela a pie todos los días.</i> My friend goes to school on foot every day.
	as	to indicate simultaneous actions	<i>Al despertar escuché el ruido.</i> As I woke up, I heard the noise.
	at/per	to indicate distribution of an amount	<i>El dólar está a 22 pesos.</i> The dollar is at 22 pesos.

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de	of, 's	to indicate possession or ownership	<i>Esta es la casa de mis padres.</i> This is my parents' house.
	from	to indicate origin	<i>Gabriela es de Chile.</i> Gabriela is from Chile.
	—	to indicate matter	<i>Me gusta la mesa de madera.</i> I like the wooden table.
	about	to indicate topic	<i>Estoy leyendo un libro de psicología.</i> I'm reading a book about psychology.
	in	to indicate characteristics	<i>El hombre de negro se parece a tu hermano.</i> The man in black and your brother look alike.
	as	to describe condition or state	<i>De grande quiero ser abogada.</i> When I'm older, I want to be a lawyer. <i>De niño jugaba al escondite.</i> As a child I used to play hide-and-seek.
en	in/at	to indicate the way or manner to do something	<i>Cuando medito, me siento en paz.</i> When I meditate, I feel at peace.
	by	to introduce means of transportation	<i>A mi madre le encanta viajar en avión.</i> My mother loves traveling by plane.
	—	to indicate order with infinitives	<i>Nosotros fuimos los últimos en llegar.</i> We were the last ones to arrive.



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con	with	to indicate company	<i>Estoy con Pedro en el cine.</i> I'm with Pedro at the movies.
	with	to indicate collaboration	<i>Catalina está preparando un proyecto nuevo con su equipo.</i> Catalina is preparing a new project with her team.
	—	to indicate a mix	<i>¿Te gusta el arroz con leche?</i> Do you like rice pudding?
	with	to indicate relationship	<i>¿Te llevas bien con tus colegas?</i> Do you get along with your colleagues?
	with	to indicate content	<i>Perdí la carpeta con todos los artículos.</i> I lost the folder with all the papers.
	with	to indicate the instrument used to do something	<i>Firme con lapicero negro, por favor.</i> Sign with a black pen, please.
	despite	to indicate concession	<i>Con todo lo que camine no me dolieron las piernas.</i> Despite all the walking, my legs didn't hurt.

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<i>contra</i>	against	to indicate opposition, fight, or battle	<i>Los ciudadanos protestaron contra la reforma.</i> The citizens protested against the reform.
<i>mediante</i>	by, by means of	to indicate the means to do something	<i>Este café se obtiene mediante un proceso de tostado.</i> This coffee is obtained by means of a roasting process.
<i>según</i>	according to	to introduce a point of view	<i>Según las culturas nativas de los Andes, la Pachamama es la Madre Tierra.</i> According to the native cultures of the Andes, Pachamama is Mother Earth.
	depending on/ based on	to indicate a condition based on another event or information	<i>Tomaré la decisión según lo que me digan.</i> I'll make the decision depending on what they tell me.
<i>sin</i>	without	to indicate that something or someone is missing	<i>Me gusta el café sin azúcar.</i> I like coffee without sugar.
<i>versus</i>	against	to indicate opposition	<i>El partido de hoy es Brasil versus Argentina.</i> The match today is Brazil against Argentina.
<i>vía</i>	via	to introduce a place you go through	<i>Fui a San José vía Ciudad de Panamá.</i> I went to San José via Panama City.
	by/via	to introduce a means to do something	<i>En el pasado, las oficinas compartían documentos vía fax.</i> In the past, offices shared documents via fax.

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