



GUIDE TO SPANISH PREPOSITIONS LIST, USES & EXAMPLES



LIST OF ALL PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

A

To / In / At

Con

With

Durante

During / For

Ante

Before / Faced with

Contra

Against

En

In / On / At

Bajo

Under

De

Of / From

Entre

Between

Cabe

Only used in compound prepositions

Desde

Since / From

Hacia

Toward / To

LIST OF ALL PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

Hasta

Until / Up to

Por

For / By / Around / Through

So

Under

Mediante

By / With

Según

According to / As soon as

Sobre

About / On top of

Para

For / To

Sin

Without

Tras

After / Behind

Versus

Versus / Against

Vía

Via / By way

COMPOUND PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

A pesar de
Despite

Cerca de
Nearby / Close

En lugar de
Instead of

Abajo de
Below / Under

Detrás de
Behind

En medio de
In the middle of

Al lado de
Next to

Después de
After

Enfrente de
In front of

Antes de
Before

En contra de
Opposed to

Gracias a
Thanks to

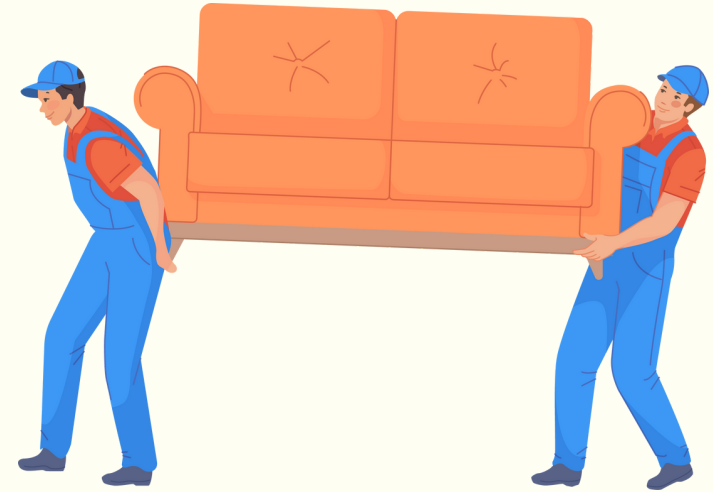
Cabe destacar
It should be noted that

Por encima de
Over / Above

HOW & WHEN TO PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

KEY POINTS

- Prepositions connect pronouns or nouns with different elements in the sentence.
- Connect the people with the place to which they're heading.
- Prepositions in Spanish can never be used at the end of a sentence.
- Prepositions are placed at the beginning of the question.



Me mudé para ahorrar dinero.
I moved out to save money.

¿Qué haces durante el día?
What do you do during the day?

PRONOUNS AFTER PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

Prepositional Pronouns

Mí (me)

Ti (you)

Él/Ella/Usted (him/her/you)

Nosotros (us)

Vosotros (you)

Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes (them/you)



El pastel es para mí.

The cake is for me.

Pregúntale a ellos si quieren ir.
Ask (to) them if they want to go.

Exceptions

- Preposition 'con': 'conmigo' and 'contigo'.
- Use the subject pronouns 'yo' and 'tú' with the prepositions 'entre', 'excepto', 'salvo' and 'según'.

VERBS WITH PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

Acabar de

To have just / To finish

Ayudar a

To help

Dejar de

To stop doing something

Acordarse de

To remember

Casarse con

To marry

Depender de

To depend on

Aprender a

To learn

Comenzar a

To start

Despedirse de

To say goodbye

Arrepentirse de

To regret

Confiar en

To trust

Empezar a

To start

Creer en

To believe

VERBS WITH PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

Enamorarse de

To fall in love with

Invitar a

To invite

Quejarse de

To complain

Encontrarse con

To bump into

Ir a

To go to

Soñar con

To dream about

Enseñar a

To teach

Pensar en

To think about

Tratar de

To try

Insistir en

To insist

Ponerse a

To apply yourself to / To start

Volver a

To do again

Quedar en

To agree / To plan

COMMON USES OF PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

Preposition	Expresses	English Translation	Example
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direction and destination.• Point in time.• Distance and position• Personal a.• Means or manner.	To / In / At	Te veo a las 8. See you at 8.
Con	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Company.• Means or instruments.	With	Estoy con Carlos. I'm with Carlos.
Contra	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opposition.• Contrast.	Against	Ponla contra la pared. Put it against the wall.
De	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possession.• Origin.• Material.	Of / From	Soy de México. I'm from Mexico.

COMMON USES OF PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

Preposition	Expresses	English Translation	Example
Desde	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starting point.• Point of departure.	Since / From	Vengo desde París. I come from Paris.
Durante	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duration.• Simultaneity	During / For	Durante el invierno... During winter...
En	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location• Time.• Means of transportation.	In / On / At	Está en la mesa. It's on the table.
Entre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location.• Comparisons.• Sharing.	Between	Está entre la mesa y la silla. It's between the table and the chair.

COMMON USES OF PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

Preposition	Expresses	English Translation	Example
Hacia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direction.	Toward / To	Caminamos hacia el bar. We walked toward the bar.
Hasta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit.	Until	Trabajo hasta las 5 de la tarde. I work until 5 in the evening .
Para	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline.• Purpose.• Recipient or destination.	For / To	Es para ti. It's for you.

INDICATIVE VS SUBJUNCTIVE ENDINGS

Preposition	Expresses	English Translation	Example
Por	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cause.• Means.• Amount of time.	For / By / Around / Through	Vine por ti. I came for you.
Sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of something.	Without	Salí sin dinero. I left without money.
Sobre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location or position.• Topic or subject.	About / On top of	No hablamos sobre eso. We didn't talk about it.

KEY POINTS: PREPOSITIONS IN SPANISH

- Prepositions in Spanish connect nouns and pronouns with other elements in the sentence.
- Spanish prepositions express location, time, direction, manner, origin, cause, lack, or company, among other things.
- Some prepositions may express more than one relationship. For instance, 'a' conveys direction or time.
- 'A', 'con', 'contra', 'de', 'desde', 'durante', 'en', 'entre', 'hacia', 'hasta', 'para', 'por', 'sin', and 'sobre' are the most common prepositions in Spanish.
- Compound prepositions are the combination of a preposition, a noun, or adverb.
- In Spanish, prepositional pronouns are the pronouns we use after a preposition.
- Most of these pronouns are no different from subject pronouns. However, 'yo' and 'tú' have special forms.

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