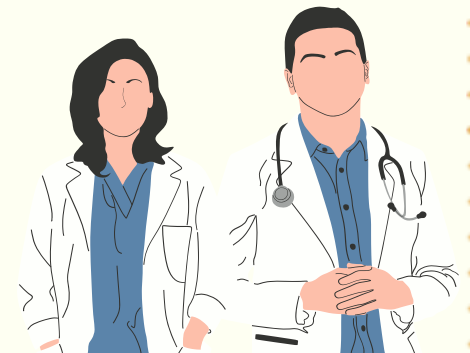


# HOW TO USE DE IN SPANISH

EXAMPLES, DE VS DEL & MORE



# WHEN TO USE DE IN SPANISH

## EXPRESS TIME



Llegué de madrugada.  
I arrived in the middle of the night.

## EXPRESS ORIGIN



Mi vecina es de España.  
My neighbor is from Spain.

## FORM COMPARISONS



Es el mejor salón de la escuela.  
It's the best classroom in the school.

## POSSESSIONS & RELATIONSHIPS



Los papás de Alan son doctores.  
Alan's s parents are doctors.

## DESCRIBE MATERIALS & QUALITIES



Necesito un vaso de plástico.  
I need a plastic cup.

# EXPRESS POSSESSION & RELATIONSHIPS

'De' in Spanish is often used to talk about people's belongings and relationships other than your own.

[Noun] + de + [noun]

Los papás **de** Alan son doctores.

*Alan's parents are doctors.*

Ese muchacho es el novio **de** mi hermana.

*That guy is my sister's boyfriend.*



# EXPRESSING ORIGIN USING DE

The preposition 'de' also allows you to convey something or someone's origin.

[Verb conjugated] + de + [noun]



Vengo del dentista.  
*I'm coming from the dentist.*

Mi vecina es de España.  
*My neighbor is from Spain.*



# EXPRESS THE MATERIAL OF SOMETHING

'De' is used to talk about the qualities, portions, material, or style of something.

**de + [noun]**

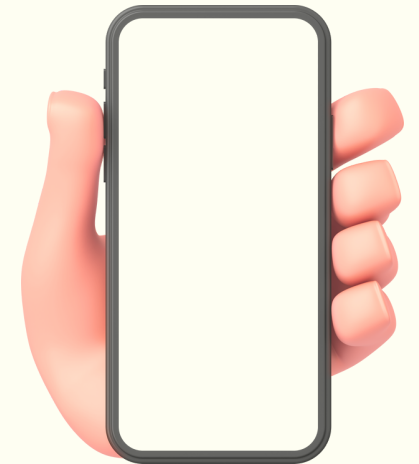


Necesito un vaso de plástico.

*I need a plastic cup.*

Su celular es de color negro.

*Her phone is black.*



# FORMING COMPARISONS IN SPANISH

'De' introduces the group of things against which you're comparing something.

Antonio es el más guapo de salón.

*Antonio is the most handsome in the room.*



Es el mejor salón de la escuela.

*It's the best classroom in the school.*

Samantha es la más amable de sus hermanas.

*Samantha is the kindest of her sisters.*



# EXPRESSING A POINT IN TIME

'De' in Spanish is also used as a time reference point. You can describe time ranges by using de...a.



Trabajamos de lunes a viernes.

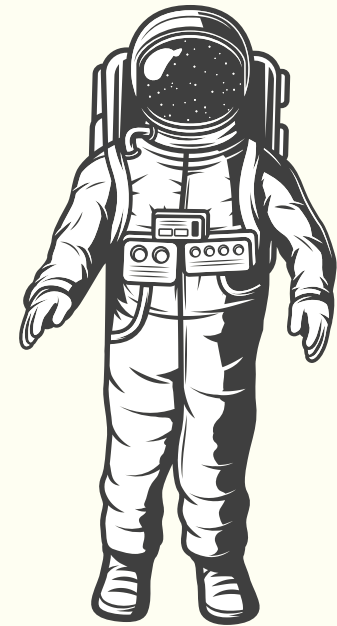
*We work from Monday to Friday.*

Mi hermana llegó de madrugada.

*My sister arrived in the middle of the night.*

De grande, Luis quiere ser astronauta.

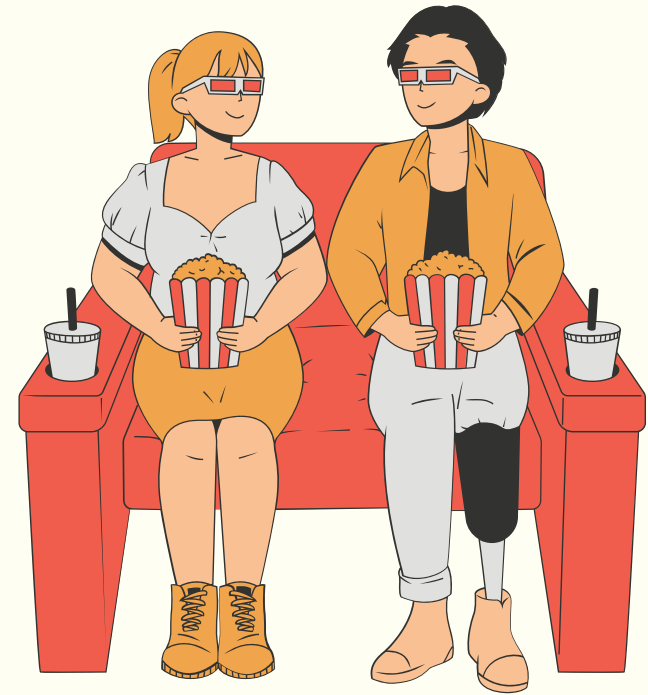
*Luis wants to be an astronaut when he's older.*



# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DE & DEL IN SPANISH

## KEY POINTS

- **Del** is the contraction of **de** + **el**.
- The contraction del helps to ease the pronunciation and avoid the double 'e' sound of 'de el'.
- It's used when 'de' is immediately followed by the singular masculine definite article 'el'.
- Often used when talking about location, possession, origin, forming comparisons, and dates.



Venimos del cine.

We're coming from the movies.



# COMMON EXPRESSIONS WITH 'DE' IN SPANISH

**A pesar de**  
*Despite*

**De paso**  
*Passing through / Temporary*

**De modo que**  
*So that / In order that*

**A cambio de**  
*In exchange*

**De hecho**  
*In fact*

**De pies a cabeza**  
*From head to toes*

**A diferencia de**  
*Unlike*

**De nuevo**  
*Again*

**De repente**  
*Suddenly*

**De acuerdo**  
*Okay / Agreed*



**Piel de gallina**  
*Goosebumps*

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