

Ir a + infinitive

In Spanish, many useful expressions are formed by combining two verbs. When this occurs, the first verb is conjugated, while the second verb remains in the infinitive form.

ir, viajar Yo **voy** a **viajar** a España.
I am going to travel to Spain.

acabar, comer Tú **acabas** de **comer**.
You have just eaten.

saber, nadar Juan **sabe** **nadar**.
Juan knows how to swim.

volver, leer María **vuelve** a **leer** el libro.
María reads the book again.

One such expression combines the verb *ir* (conjugated) with an infinitive. The preposition "a" is always used. The formula is:

ir a + infinitive = to be going to do something (in the near future)

Voy a llevar a mi hermana a su casa **I am going to take** my sister to her house.

Vas a invitar a muchas muchachas **You are going to invite** lots of girls.

Cristina **va a conversar** con mi mamá Christina **is going to talk** with my mom.

Eduardo **va a leer** el libro Edward **is going to read** the book.

Remember from the previous lesson how to conjugate the verb *ir*:

voy
vas
va

vamos
vais

van

Here are some useful words and expressions for pinpointing exactly when you are going to do something.

hoy	today
mañana	tomorrow
más tarde.....	later
esta tarde.....	this afternoon
la semana que viene.....	next week
el mes que viene	next month
el año que viene.....	next year
esta noche	tonight
mañana por la mañana	tomorrow morning
mañana por la tarde.....	tomorrow afternoon
mañana por la noche	tomorrow night

Let's add a flashcard for the expression "ir a + infinitive":

Verb Flashcards

16. Ir a + infinitive

To be going to do something

(voy, vas, va, vamos, vais, van)