

"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