



SPANISH TABLE

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preposition of place & movement	meaning	use	example
a	from	to indicate how near or far a place is	<i>La escuela está a cinco calles de aquí.</i> The school is five streets from here.
	by	to indicate situation based on a reference point	<i>Vi a mi amiga a la entrada de la escuela.</i> I saw my friend by the school entrance.
	to	to indicate where a journey or movement ends	<i>Voy al supermercado.</i> I'm going to the supermarket.
hacia	to, towards	to indicate direction	<i>Camina hacia la fuente.</i> Walk towards the fountain.
para	to	to indicate destination in space	<i>Salimos para el trabajo a las 7:30 de la mañana.</i> We leave for work at 7:30 a.m.
de	from	to indicate where a journey or movement starts	<i>Vengo de la casa de mis padres.</i> I'm coming from my parents' house.
desde	from	to indicate where a journey or movement starts with implied motion	<i>El viaje desde mi casa toma 45 minutos.</i> The commute from my house takes 45 minutes.
hasta	until	to indicate where a journey or movement ends	<i>Camina hasta el parque y gira a la derecha.</i> Walk until you get to the park and turn right.
de... a...	from... to...	to indicate the starting and ending point of a journey or movement	<i>Todos los días él camina de su casa al trabajo.</i> Every day he walks from home to work.



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<i>en</i>	in	to indicate the general location of a person, animal, or object	<i>El perro está en el jardín.</i> The dog is in the garden.
	on		<i>El perro está en el sofá.</i> The dog is on the sofa.
	at		<i>El perro está en el parque.</i> The dog is at the park.
<i>entre</i>	between, among	to indicate intermediate place	<i>Ecuador está entre Colombia y Perú.</i> Ecuador is between Colombia and Peru.
<i>por</i>	through, around	to indicate movement through space	<i>Vimos a los chicos por la universidad esta mañana.</i> We saw the guys around the university this morning.



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sobre	on, over, above	to indicate the general location of a person, animal, or object	<i>El perro está sobre el sofá.</i> The dog is on the sofa.
ante	before, in front of	to indicate the general location of a person, animal, or object facing something or someone else	<i>Tienes ante ti mi nuevo auto.</i> You have my new car in front of you.
bajo	under, beneath	to indicate the inferior or lower location of a person, animal, or object	<i>Hay un tesoro bajo esta casa.</i> There's a treasure chest under this house.
contra	against	to indicate that something or someone is in physical contact by leaning or being held up by something or someone else	<i>Los libros están contra la puerta.</i> The books are against the door.
tras	behind	to indicate that something or someone is located on the other side of something or someone else	<i>Esto es Chile, pero tras todas esas montañas está Argentina.</i> This is Chile, but behind all those mountains is Argentina.

