

Spanish

Discussing plans for the future [2 / 3]

- two verb structures with and without prepositions *a* and *de*

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[gu]

[gui]

[gue]

When g is followed by ui or ue, the u is not pronounced. The g sounds like **[g]**

mucho **gusto**

[pleased to meet you]

guitarra

[guitar]

guerra

[war]

se**gundo**

[second]



La fonética

[gu]

1 se_**gui**_r (to follow)

2 can**gu**_ro

3 **gui**_onista
(screenwriter)

[gui]

4 al**gui**_en

5 blo**gue**_ro
(blogger)

6 a**gu**_a

[gue]

7 ju**gue**_tes
(toys)

8 re**gu**_lar

9 espa**gue**_tis



aprobar	to pass, passing (exam)
casarse	to get married
conducir	to drive
sacar buenas notas	to get good grades
seguir estudiando	to keep studying, keeping on studying
el negocio	business
el matrimonio	marriage
el bachillerato	A levels
la formación profesional	vocational training
el desempleo	unemployment
la licenciatura	degree



Two-verb structures which need a preposition

In two-verb structures the second verb is an **infinitive**: e.g. puedo **hablar**.

Some verbs need to have a preposition **before** the infinitive:

Verbs followed by **a**

Aprender a - to learn (to do something)
Aprendo **a** conducir
(I learn to drive)

When referring to **people** you also need the **personal a** :

Ayudo **a Juan a** aprobar los exámenes.

ayudar a - to help (to do something)

enseñar a - to teach (to do something)

invitar a - to invite (to do something)

acostumbrarse a - to get used to (doing something)

empezar a - to begin (to do something)



Two verb structures which need a preposition

Verbs followed by **de**

Dejar de - to stop (doing something)

Dejo **de** estudiar
(I stop studying)

Voy a dejar **de** estudiar
(I am going to stop studying)

alegrarse de - to be happy (to do something)

terminar de - to stop (doing something)

cansarse de - to be tired (of doing something)



Lee y completa las frases

- **two-verb structure with preposition “de” or verb + noun?**

1 Termino	<input type="text"/>	I finish the exam.
2 Dejo	<input type="text"/>	I stop writing.
3 Me canso	<input type="text"/>	I am tired of studying.
4 Termino	<input type="text"/>	I finish my studies.
5 Me alegro	<input type="text"/>	I am happy to finish.



Two-verb structures

1 Some verbs need to be followed by a preposition

2 Aprender, ayudar, empezar are examples of verbs which are followed by a + infinitive

3 Dejar, cansarse and terminar are followed by de + infinitive

4 Unemployment is el desempleo

5 La licenciatura means degree

