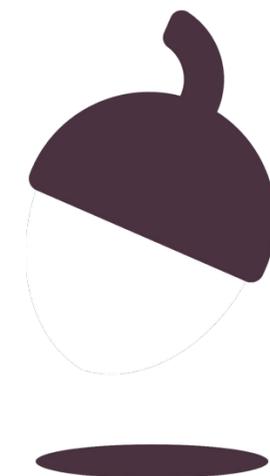


Spanish

Things you do to and for others [1/2]

- *Personal 'a'*
- *'a' (to)*

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La fonética

[cua]

cuando

[cue]

cuerpo

[cui]

cuidado



Trabalengua

**Cuando cuentes cuentos, cuidado. Cuenta
cuantos cuentos cuentas, cuando cuentes
cuentos.**



Use of 1st person: present and near future tense

To talk about **'I'** with an action **you do now**, remove the infinitive ending (AR/ER/IR) and add **-o**.

llam**ar** \longrightarrow llam \longrightarrow llam**o** *I call*

To talk about **'I'** with an action **you are going to do**, use 'voy + a + infinitive'

voy a llamar \longrightarrow *I am going to call*



The personal 'a'

A personal 'a' is needed when the object of a verb is a known or identified person or animal.

Cuido **a** mi hermano menor.

I look after my younger brother.

We don't need to translate the 'a'.

We don't need the personal 'a' when the person isn't identified yet.

Busco un amigo.

I'm looking for a friend.

Busco **a** mi amigo.

I'm looking for my friend.



Use of personal 'a' VS. 'a' meaning 'to'

We also use the word 'a' to mean 'to'.

Compare:

Personal 'a' 'to'

Acompaño **a** mi tía **a** la tienda.

I accompany my aunt **to** the shop.

Acompaño **a** mi abuelo **al** supermercado.

I accompany my grandfather **to** the supermarket.

Remember, when 'a' is followed by 'el' in a sentence, they join together to become 'al'.



Summary

1. The personal 'a' is used for a known or identified object. True or False? **True**
2. It can also be used for pets. True or False? **True**
3. Does this need a personal 'a'? "Cuido el jardín". **no**
4. Translate: "cuido a mi hermano" **"I look after my brother"**
5. "I encourage my friend" is: **"Animo a mi amigo/a".**

