

4.1 Present tense of ir Tutorial

ANTE TODO The verb **ir** (*to go*) is irregular in the present tense. Note that, except for the **yo** form (**voy**) and the lack of a written accent on the **vosotros** form (**vais**), the endings are the same as those for regular present tense **-ar** verbs.

The verb *ir* (*to go*)

Singular forms		Plural forms	
yo	voy	nosotros/as	vamos
tú	vas	vosotros/as	vais
Ud./él/ella	va	Uds./ellos/ellas	van

► **Ir** is often used with the preposition **a** (*to*). If **a** is followed by the definite article **el**, they combine to form the contraction **al**. If **a** is followed by the other definite articles (**la, las, los**), there is no contraction.

a + el = al

Voy **al** parque con Juan.
I'm going to the park with Juan.

Mis amigos van **a las** montañas.
My friends are going to the mountains.

► The construction **ir a** + [*infinitive*] is used to talk about actions that are going to happen in the future. It is equivalent to the English *to be going* + [*infinitive*].

Va a leer el periódico.
He is going to read the newspaper.

Van a pasear por el pueblo.
They are going to walk around town.

¡Voy a ir con ellos!



Ella va al cine y a los museos.



► **Vamos a** + [*infinitive*] can also express the idea of let's (*do something*).

Vamos a pasear.
Let's take a walk.

¡**Vamos a comer!**
Let's eat!



¡INTÉNTALO!

Provide the present tense forms of **ir**.

- Ellos van.
- Yo _____.
- Tu novio _____.
- Adela _____.
- Mi prima y yo _____.
- Tú _____.
- Ustedes _____.
- Nosotros _____.
- Usted _____.
- Nosotras _____.
- Miguel _____.
- Ellas _____.

CONSULTA

To review the contraction **de + el**, see **Estructura 1.3**, pp. 20–21.

AYUDA

When asking a question that contains a form of the verb **ir**, remember to use **adónde**:

¿Adónde vas?
(To) Where are you going?

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