

Incynergy Study Guide: Preposition 'A' in Spanish (Translated into English)

*One of the hardest part of any language is to learn which preposition to use with which expression or phrase. At times, there is an exact translation of a phrase or expression introduced by a preposition from one language to another; however, those cases are few and far between. Most of the time, the preposition used in one language is generally NOT the same one used in the other. The fact is that most prepositional phrases and expressions are idiomatic and, therefore, must be memorized, one phrase or expression at a time. **Incynergy Study Guides** on the Spanish preposition 'a' were developed with two audiences in mind. For the Spanish-speaker, these study cards help one to learn the English translation of some of the most common and popular phrases and expressions in Spanish introduced by the preposition 'a'. For the English-speaker, these cards help one to learn some of the most important and popular expressions in Spanish introduced by the preposition 'a'.*

Carrala Ficklin-McClain

Carrala Ficklin McClain

<i>a</i>	una velocidad de ...	at a speed of ...
<i>a</i>	veces	at times
<i>a</i>	veinte dolares por cabeza	two-dollars a head or per person
<i>a</i>	veinte kilómetros de aquí	twenty kilometers from here, twenty kilometers away
<i>a</i>	ver	let's see, let's have a look
<i>a</i>	vuelta de correo	by return mail or post
<i>a</i>	vuelo de pájaro	as the crow fly
<i>a</i>	vuelta de	by dint of
<i>a</i>	vista de ojos	visibly
<i>a</i>	vista de pájaro	with a bird's eye view
<i>a</i>	viva fuerza	by sheer strength
<i>a</i>	voz en cuello	at the top of one's lungs, loudly, shouting or full- throated
<i>a</i>	voz en grito	at the top of one's lungs, loudly, shouting or full- throated
<i>al</i>	abrigo de	protected or sheltered from
<i>al</i>	aire libre	in the open air

al	alcance de	within reach or range of,
al	alcance del oído	within earshot
al	alza	upward or rising prices
al	amanecer	at dawn, at daybreak
al	anocheecer	at nightfall
al	año de esto	a year later
al	año de esto	after a year of this
al	atardecer	at dusk, in late evening
al of	avemaría	in a split second, twinkling an eye, or bat of an eye, in a sec
Al	avío!	Get a move on! Let's go!
al	azar	at random
al	borde del llanto	on the verge of crying or tears, about to cry
al	buen tuntún	carelessly, unthoughtfully, inattentively, in any old way
al	cabo de	at the end of
al	cabo de un rato	in a little while, after a while
al	compás de	in time to
al	contacto de	in contact with

al	contado	in cash
al	contrario	on the contrary
al	contrario de	unlike
al	contrario de lo que...	against what ...
al	corriente	up to date
al	corriente	on time
al	corriente de	abreast
al	cuello	around one's neck
al	cuidado de	in care of
al	dar las seis	on the stroke of six, when the clock struck six
al	decir de	according to
al	decir estas palabras	with saying these words ...
al	dedillo	at one's fingertip
al	descubierto	out in the open, for all to see, not in hiding
al	día	each day, a day
al	día	up-to-date, up to the present
al	día siguiente	the following day
al	10 (diez) por ciento	at 10 %

al	doble	double, twice
al	espejo	in the mirror
al	exterior	outwardly
al	fiado	on credit, on trust
al	fin	finally
al	fin y al cabo	after all
al	fin de la algo	at the end of something
al	fin del calle	at the end of the block
al	final	at the end
al	final de la página	at the bottom of the page
al	fondo	at the back or at the rear
al	fondo de	at the bottom of/ at the back of
al	fondo de	at the end of, at the bottom of
al	fondo del pasillo	at the end of the hall
Al	freír será el reír	He who laughs last laughs the longest, time will tell
al	frente	at the head
al	grano	to the point
Al	hablar!	Speaking!

al	hacer esfuerzo	with exertion
al	hierro a candente batir el cobre	to strike while the iron is hot
al	hombro	on or over one's shoulder
al	igual que	like, similar to
al	improviso	unexpectedly
al	+ infinitive of verb	on or upon + present participle of the verb
al	instante	
al	lado	next door
al	lado (con carne al lado)	on the side (with meat on the side)
al	lado de	at the side of
al	libre aire	in the open air
al	litro (more informal)	by the liter
al	llegar	on arriving, when one arrived
al	llegar a este punto	at this point, at this stage
al	llegar a este punto	having come this far
al	mar	into the sea
al	margen	in the margin
al	margen de	apart from/outside

al	mediodía	at noon
al	menor ruido	at the least sound
al	menos	at least
al	mes (alquilar)	by the month (to rent)
al	minuto	right away
al	mismo tiempo	at the same time
al	momento	at once
al	nochecer	at nightfall
al	norte	to the north
al	oído	confidentially
al	oir estas palabras ...	hearing these words ...
al	otro día	on the following day
al	otro lado	on the otro side
al	par que	at the same time
al	parecer	apparently, on the face of it, seemingly
al	pie de la letra	to the letter
al	pie de la letra	literally, word for word, verbatim
al	pie del monte	at the foot of the mountain

al	pie de la página	at the bottom of the page
al	poco rato	shortly afterwards
al	poco rato	in a little while, a little later
al	poco tiempo	a short time after
al	poco tiempo	soon after
al	ponerse del sol	at sunset
al	por mayor	wholesale
al	por menor	retail
al	postre	finally
al	postre	in the long run
al	pozo	into the well
al	primer golpe de vista	at first glance
al	principio	at first, in the beginning
al	principio, no sabía nada	At first, he didn't know anything
al	principio de	at the beginning of, at the start of
al	pronto	at first
al	punto	at once
al	punto que	at the very moment that

Al	que madruga Dios le ayuda.	The early bird catches the worm.
al	raso	in the open air
al	rato viene	in a moment
al	rayar romper el alba	
al	respecto	with regard to, in relation to
al	revés	vice versa
al	revés	upside down
al	rojo vivo	red-hot
al	rojo blanco	white-hot
al	romper el día	at daybreak
al	salir del	on or upon leaving from
al	salir el sol	at sunrise
al	sereno	in the open
al	sol	in the sun
al	tanto de que ...	because of the fact that...
al	teléfono	on the telephone
al	término de	at the end of
al	tiempo!	time will tell!

al	tope	end to end
al	vuelo	in flight
abrir	proceso a	to file a suit against
acomodarse	al tiempo	to adapt oneself to the circumstances
acomodarse	a + el infinitivo del verbo	to comply with + the present participle of the verb
acomodarse	a + el infinitivo del verbo	to settle down with + the present participle of the verb
adaptarse	al tiempo	to adapt oneself to the circumstances
alzar	la mano a	to raise one's hand against
andar	a vuelta con	to be immersed, engrossed or engaged in
andar	a vueltas con un problema	to try to come to terms with a problem
anunciar	algo a bombo y platillo	to announce with a lot of fanfare, ballyhoo or hoopla
aspirar	a altos cargos	to aspire to, reach for or aim for a higher position
atarse meaning	a la letra	to stick to the literal
atascarse	a	to get stuck in or to get bogged down in
atinar	al blanco	to hit the target or the bull's eye

atracó

a mano armada

armed robbery

aventajarse **a**

to excel, to surpass,
to outstrip

aventurarse

a + el infinitivo del verbo

to venture + the infinitive
of the verb