



## 4.1 Present tense of **ir**

### 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 **–ar** verbs.

### The verb **ir** (*to go*)

#### Singular forms

yo	<b>voy</b>
tú	<b>vas</b>
Ud./él/ella	<b>va</b>

#### Plural forms

nosotros/as	<b>vamos</b>
vosotros/as	<b>vais</b>
Uds./ellos/ellas	<b>van</b>

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- ▶ **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.*

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- ▶ 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 to + [infinitive]*.

**Va a leer** el periódico.

*He is going to read the newspaper.*

*Voy a  
escribir unas  
postales.*



**Van a pasear** por el pueblo.

*They are going to walk around town.*

*Álex y Maite  
van a volver al  
autobús.*



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

**Vamos a** pasear.  
*Let's take a stroll.*

**¡Vamos a** ver!  
*Let's see!*

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Provide the present tense forms of **ir**. The first item has been done for you.

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| 1. Ellos <u>van</u> . | 5. Mi prima y yo _____. | 9. Usted _____.     |
| 2. Yo _____.          | 6. Tú _____.            | 10. Nosotras _____. |
| 3. Tu novio _____.    | 7. Ustedes _____.       | 11. Miguel _____.   |
| 4. Adela _____.       | 8. Nosotros _____.      | 12. Ellas _____.    |