

Easy Shortcuts to Talk about the Future in Spanish Shortcut #1

In this lesson we will review a few easy conversational shortcuts to talk about the future in Spanish, without having to memorize lots of conjugations.

This conversational shortcut uses the verb “**to go**” which is “**ir**” in Spanish.

To keep things simple, we will focus on the “**I**” conjugation of the verb. Here it is:

Shortcut #1 to Talk about the Future:

- Yo voy a
- I’m going to
- Yo voy a

You can use this simple phrase followed by the word “a” plus an **“unconjugated verb”** to express many ideas related to things you will do in the future.

Here is the shortcut:

“Yo voy a” (I’m going to) + unconjugated verb

Here are a few examples:

- Yo voy a estar
- I’m going to be
- Yo voy a estar

- Yo voy a hacer
- I’m going to do
- Yo voy a hacer

- Yo voy a comer
- I’m going to eat
- Yo voy a comer

You can add additional details at the end of “Yo voy a + verb” to explain **what** you are going to do.

The shortcut looks like this:

“Yo voy a” + unconjugated verb + additional information (about what you are going to do)

Here are a few examples:

- Yo voy a tener tiempo
- I’m going to have time
- Yo voy a tener tiempo

- Yo voy a hacer algo
- I’m going to do something
- Yo voy a hacer algo

- Yo voy a comer tacos
- I’m going to eat tacos
- Yo voy a comer tacos

If you want to talk about an action you are going to do in a specific place, you can use this shortcut:

**“Yo voy a” + unconjugated verb + “en” (in/at)
+ name of the place**

Here are a few examples:

- Yo voy a estar en la tienda
- I’m going to be in the store
- Yo voy a estar en la tienda

- Yo voy a caminar en el parque
- I’m going to walk at the park
- Yo voy a caminar en el parque

- Yo voy a comer en un restaurante
- I’m going to eat in a restaurant
- Yo voy a comer en un restaurante

If you want to express that you are going to go to a specific place, you can use this shortcut:

“Yo voy a” + ir (to go) + a (to) + name of the place

Here are a few examples:

- Yo voy a ir a la tienda
- I’m going to go to the store
- Yo voy a ir a la tienda

- Yo voy a ir a el parque
- I’m going to go to the park
- Yo voy a ir a el parque

- Yo voy a ir a un restaurante
- I’m going to go to a restaurant
- Yo voy a ir a un restaurante

If you want to express the opposite idea and say you are not going to do something, you can add the word **“no”** before the conjugated verb **“voy”** like this:

- Yo **no** voy a ir a la tienda
- I'm not going to go to the store
- Yo **no** voy a ir a la tienda

- Yo **no** voy a ir a el parque
- I'm not going to go to the park
- Yo **no** voy a ir a el parque

- Yo **no** voy a ir a un restaurante
- I'm not going to go to a restaurant
- Yo **no** voy a ir a un restaurante

That's all for this lesson.

Well done!