

## LESSON NOTES

# Absolute Beginner S1 #9 We Aren't Going to Spanish Class Today

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## INFORMAL SPANISH

1. VALENTINA:           ¿Adónde vas?
2. JORGE:                A la tienda. ¿Quieres algo?
3. VALENTINA:         Voy contigo, si quieres.
4. JORGE:                Ándale, pues.

## ENGLISH

1. VALENTINA:         Where are you going?
2. JORGE:                To the store. Do you want something?
3. VALENTINA:         I'll go with you, if you want.
4. JORGE:                Come on then.

## VOCABULARY

Spanish	English	Class	Gender
ir	to go	verb	
tienda	store	noun	feminine
querer	to want, to love	verb	
contigo	with you	pronoun	
Ándale.	All right.	interjection	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>¿Te gustaría ir a nadar? "Would you like to go swim?"</p>	<p>¿Puedo ir contigo? "May I go with you?"</p>
<p>¿Quién irá a la playa el próximo fin de semana? "Who is going to the beach next weekend?"</p>	<p>Ellos van a la playa. "They are going to the beach."</p>
<p>Yo compraba queso de la tienda en la esquina. "I used to buy cheese from the corner store."</p>	<p>¿No quieres un permanente? "Don't you want a perm?"</p>
<p>Te quiero. "I love you."</p>	<p>Me iré contigo a la tienda. "I'll go with you to the store."</p>

Ándale, ya vete que se te va a hacer tarde.

"All right, get out of here, you're going to be late."

## VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

### ***ir*** ("to go")

Use the formula *ir a* + destination to specify a destination. In this case, *a* translates as the English preposition "to."

### ***la tienda*** ("store")

We use this noun for small stores, shops, specialty boutiques, and local grocers. For a supermarket, use the noun *el supermercado* instead.

### ***querer*** ("to want," "to love")

The meaning of this word depends on the context.

### ***contigo*** ("with you")

This is a synthetic form of the preposition *con* ("with") and the pronoun *tú*.

## Ándale. ("All right.")

This interjection is difficult to translate. It often indicates a measure of agreement and signals a transition to the next item or topic.

## GRAMMAR

### The Focus of This Lesson Is the Verb *Ir*.

¿Adónde vas?

"Where are you going?"

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The verb *ir* ("to go") is a very common verb in Spanish. It is highly irregular in the present tense.

### Formation

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<i>Spanish</i>	"English"
<i>voy</i>	"I go"
<i>vas</i>	"you go" (familiar)
<i>va</i>	"he, she, it goes"; "you go" (formal)
<i>vamos</i>	"we go"
<i>vais</i>	"you all go" (familiar, Spain)
<i>van</i>	"they go," "you all go"

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### Usage

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When we specify a destination, the verb *ir* takes the preposition *a* ("to").

### For Example:

1. *Voy a la tienda.*  
"I'm going to the store."
2. *No vamos al cine juntos.*  
"We're not going to the movies together."

**Note:** The preposition *a* forms contractions with a few words. These contractions are obligatory.

**For Example:**

1.  $a + el = al.$   
*No vamos al (a + el) cine juntos.*  
"We're not going to the movies together."
2.  $a + dónde = adónde$   
*¿Adónde vas?*  
"Where are you going?"

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### Making Things Convenient for you in Latin America

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The concept of *tienda* has a strong relation with the superlative of "convenience" (if such a word exists.) In Spanish-speaking Latin America, you can find these *tiendas* throughout the many cities and towns. Now these *tiendas* can mean physical stores. You know, with four walls, cash register, hot dogs ready for purchase, and so forth. However, there are also the *tiendas* that you will encounter at almost every city corner, and by these I mean, small stands or literally carts with various snacks and sweets.

In Bogotá, Colombia for example, there are carts around the busier parts of the city (e.g., *Parque de la 93*, *Zona T*, and *Zona G*) that carry smokes, bags of chips, chewing gum, and something I found myself using very often—cell phones. These stores rented cell phones out to the user but in a public telephone style. The first thing the store clerks would ask is the number you were dialing. Based on the prefix number, they would know which mobile carrier you were calling and would then provide you with that same phone (it's much cheaper). After finishing your call, they would charge you a per-minute fee. This is very

convenient for the foreigner and/or tourist who wants to dispense with renting a mobile phone at a much higher cost.

Now that's what I call a convenience store.

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