

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #24

What are you going to do in Latin America?

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INFORMAL SPANISH

1. Adentro de un bar.
2. PACO: ¿Qué vas a pedir?
3. SAMUEL: No sé. Aún estoy pensando.
4. PACO: Yo también. Hay muchas opciones.
5. SAMUEL: Le voy a preguntar al mesero.

ENGLISH

1. Inside a bar
2. PACO: What are you going to order?
3. SAMUEL: I'm not sure. I'm still thinking.
4. PACO: Me too. There are a lot of choices.
5. SAMUEL: I'm going to ask the waiter.

VOCABULARY

Spanish	English	Class	Gender
irse	to leave, to take off, to get out	verb	
aún	still, yet	adverb	
opción	option	feminine noun	feminine

pedir	to ask for, to request	verb	
saber	to know, to know how	verb	
pensar	to think	verb	
mesero	waiter	noun	masculine
preguntar	to ask a question, to wonder	verb	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ya llegó la hora de irse. The time has arrived to leave.	No lo he terminado aún. "I haven't finished it yet."
Aún no estás lista. "You're still not ready."	Elige la mejor opción. "Choose the best option."
Aquí te ofrecemos una variedad de opciones. "Here we offer you a variety of options."	Pediste un plato de arroz con pollo. "You asked for a dish of rice with chicken."
Sí, yo sé el apellido de Antonio. "Yes, I know Antonio's last name. "	Ellos piensan que nosotros no sabemos sus planes. "They think that we don't know their plans."
No pienses la respuesta demasiado. "Do not think about the answer too much."	Pensabas que no te veía, pero lo vi todo. "You thought that I wasn't watching you, but I saw it all!"

Estamos esperando a que el mesero tome la orden.

"We are waiting for the waiter to take the order."

El mesero de ese restaurante es muy amable.

"The waiter in that restaurant is very nice."

Vamos a preguntarle a él.

"We are going to ask him."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

aún ("still")

In the dialogue, *aún* means "still." There are times where we use *aún* in a negative way by adding *no*; then it would mean "not yet."

opción ("option")

Opciones is the plural of *opción*. The meaning of *opciones* is to have "options," "choices," "alternatives," or "possibility."

ir ("to go")

Voy comes from the verb *ir*, which means "to go." *Voy* is the first person singular of *ir*.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Talking about Future Actions with *Ir a* + Infinitive.

Le voy a preguntar al mesero.

"I'm going to ask the waiter."

The verb *ir* is one of the verbs we use most commonly in Spanish, and in a lot of cases we use it by using *ir* + infinitive, which means that you are "going to" do the action you state in the verb.

Using *Ir* + Infinitive

First, let's review how to conjugate the verb *ir* in the present tense:

Spanish	"English"
<i>yo voy</i>	"I am going"
<i>nosotros vamos</i>	"we are going"
<i>tú vas</i>	"you are going"
<i>vosotros vais</i>	"you all are going"
<i>él va</i>	"he is going"
<i>ellos van</i>	"they are going"
<i>ella va</i>	"she is going"
<i>ellas van</i>	"they are going" (feminine)
<i>usted va</i>	"you are going" (formal)
<i>ustedes van</i>	"you all are going"

To talk about actions in the future, we can use a conjugated form of the verb *ir* before a verb in the infinitive.

Formation

***ir* + [infinitive] = "going to [verb]"**

For Example:

<i>ir</i> ("to go") + <i>a</i>	Verb in Infinitive	Object	"English"
<i>(Le) voy a</i>	<i>preguntar</i>	<i>al mesero.</i>	"I'm going to ask the waiter."
<i>Vas a</i>	<i>comprar</i>	<i>una cartera?</i>	"Are you going to buy a purse?"

Va a

recibir

el regalo.

"He is going to
receive the gift."

Examples from This Dialogue

1. *Le voy a preguntar al mesero.*
"I'm going to ask the waiter."

Sample Sentences

1. *Van a salir a bailar hoy en la noche.*
"They are going dancing tonight."
2. *Vamos a ir a la fiesta de Mario.*
"We are going to Mario's party."

CULTURAL INSIGHT

How to Decide What to Order

No matter which country we're in, we can find lots of restaurants and bars available to the public. If we go to another country and we decide to enter one of those businesses, there will be times where we won't know what we want to order because of the language or because of the unfamiliar names. In cases like this, the waiter will be the only person that will help you decide what to order: it may be a good idea to ask for his or her recommendation.