



Spanish In Mexico Notes: 9-1 Speaking About The Future

As we visited the island of Janitzio, we learned how to conjugate the verb *ir*, which means ‘to go.’ *Ir* is an irregular verb. The five present tense conjugations of *ir* are:

yo	voy	nosotros	vamos
tú	vas		
él/ella/Ud.	va	ellos/ellas/Uds.	van

To express what someone is going to do, use the phrase “ir a” combined with a verb. For example:

Yo **voy** a barrer. – I am going to sweep.

Tú **vas** a filmar. – You are going to film.

Él **va** a cruzar la calle. – He is going to cross the street.

Nosotros **vamos** a salir. – We are going to leave.

Ellos **van** a pescar. – They are going to fish.

Additional Information:

The phrase ‘ir a’ is also used to express where someone is going. For example:

Ella va **a la** tienda. – ‘She goes to the store’ or ‘She is going to the store.’

Yo voy **a la** escuela. – ‘I go to the school’ or ‘I am going to the school.’

When the definite article ‘el’ directly follows the preposition ‘a’, they are combined to make the word ‘al.’ For example:

Tú vas **al** mercado. – ‘You go to the market.’ or ‘You are going to the market.’

Nosotros vamos **al** pueblo. – ‘We go to the village.’ or ‘We are going to the village.’

Vocabulary:

barrer – to sweep

filmar – to film

cruzar – to cross

salir – to leave

ir – to go

subir – to climb

pescar – to fish

manejar – to drive

Extended Vocabulary

el lago – lake

las artesanías – crafts

el pescador – fisherman

existir – to exist

el héroe – hero

la verdad – truth

la serigrafía – silkscreen printing

habitado/a – inhabited

el transporte – transportation

la lancha – ferry

la película – film

el paso - walkway