

DE

acabar de—to have just _____
acordarse (ue) de—to remember
alegrarse de—to be glad
arrepentirse (ie) de—to regret/be sorry for
asegurarse de—to make sure of
avergonzarse (ue) de—to be ashamed of
cansarse de—to get/be tired of
cesar de—to stop/quit
dejar de—to stop/quit

encargarse de—to take charge of
estar cansado de—to be tired of
estar seguro de—to be sure of
jactarse de—to boast/brag about
olvidarse de—to forget
tener miedo de—to be afraid
tratar de—to try/attempt
tratarse de—to be about, have to do
with

CON

contar (ue) con—count on

soñar (ue) con—dream of

EN

consentir (ie) en—agree to/consent to
consistir en—consist of
insistir en—insist on
pensar (ie) en—think about

quedar en—agree to
tardar en—take X amount of time to
vacilar en—hesitate

QUE (not really a preposition)

tener que—have to

hay que—one has to, one must
(Hay never changes.)

Español IV
Unidad repaso
Verbo + preposición + infinitivo

Nombre _____
Fecha _____

You've known for a long time that it is possible to combine a conjugated verb with an infinitive in Spanish in order to form a verb phrase:

María no quiere ayudar.
Luisa va a participar.

Sometimes the conjugated verb is used directly with the infinitive, with nothing intervening between the two:

No debes molestar a tu papá cuando trabaja.
Mañana esperamos recibir el paquete.

Here are some verbs and phrases that can be immediately followed by an infinitive. No intervening preposition is required. (This is not a complete list.)

(me) gusta and related verbs—(I) like, etc.
querer (ie)—want
poder (ue)—can/be able
necesitar—need
esperar—hope

deber—should/ought
pensar (ie)—intend
desear—want/wish
decidir—decide
impersonal expressions: *Es bueno*,
Es importante, etc. → *Es bueno*
estudiar.

Other verbs require a certain preposition between the conjugated verb and the infinitive.

Antonio trata de escuchar.
Mis amigos no van a asistir.

The preposition may not have an equivalency in the English translation, but it is required all the same. The verbs below are arranged according to the preposition they require. (This is not a complete list.)

A

aprender a—learn
comenzar (ie) a—begin
empezar (ie) a—begin
enseñar a—teach
ir a—going to (near future)
atreverse a—dare

ayudar a—help
invitar a—invite
decidirse a—decide
negarse (ie) a—refuse
obligar a—force/make/compel
volver (ue) a—redo; do again