

Near Future (ir + a + infinitive) vs. Simple Future

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will compare and correctly use both the near future (ir + a + infinitive) and simple future tense.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- paper
- colored pencils or markers
- ruler
- scissors (optional, for a comic strip)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Fold or draw a comic strip with 4 panels on paper.
2. In panels 1-2, draw a scene of you talking about something happening very soon (later today or tomorrow) and write a sentence using the near future structure 'ir + a + infinitivo' (e.g., 'Voy a estudiar esta tarde.').
3. In panels 3-4, draw a scene of you talking about something happening further in the future (next year, someday) and write a sentence using the simple future tense (e.g., 'Estudiaré medicina algún día.').
4. Underline the 'ir + a + infinitivo' structure in one color in panels 1-2, and underline the simple future verb ending in a different color in panels 3-4.
5. Write one sentence explaining, in English, when Spanish speakers typically choose to use each form.

QUESTIONS

1. Write your near future sentence (ir + a + infinitivo) from panels 1-2.
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2. Write your simple future sentence from panels 3-4.
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3. What is the formula for forming the near future tense in Spanish?
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4. When do Spanish speakers typically use the near future versus the simple future?
