

The Near Future

Languages

The easiest future tense, and why learners use it more than the real one.

Conjugate ir, add a, add the infinitive unchanged.

voy / vas / va / vamos / vais / van + a + infinitive

I am going to eat

Nothing else changes.

Voy a comer

We are going to travel

Also means 'let's travel'.

Vamos a viajar

They are going to arrive

Van a llegar

THE COMMON MISTAKE

× **Voy comer**

✓ **Voy a comer**

The a is required and never contracts. Only a + el contracts, into al.

Vamos a + infinitive doubles as a suggestion. Vamos a comer is both 'we are going to eat' and 'let's eat'.