

# Spanish by Choice/SpanishPod newbie lesson A0002/Print version

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## A0002: Birthday Party

### Introduction

How to ask someone to go together to a birthday party—in Spanish? With Liliana's and JP's guidance it's pretty easy. Of course, that doesn't mean that the answer is always “yes”! In any case, the keyword is **la fiesta de cumpleaños** – the birthday party.

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### Dialogue

*hombre:* ¡Hola! ¿Vas a la fiesta?

*mujer:* ¿Cuál fiesta?

*hombre:* La fiesta de cumpleaños de Javier.

*mujer:* Sí voy a ir. ¿Vamos juntos?



## Dialogue with Translation



*hombre:* **¡Hola! ¿Vas a la fiesta?**

*hello (you) go to the party*

*man:* Hello! Are you going to the party?

*mujer:* **¿Cuál fiesta?**

*which party*

*woman:* What party?

*hombre:* **La fiesta de cumpleaños de Javier.**

*the party of birthday of Javier*

*man:* Javier's birthday party.

*mujer:* **Sí voy a ir. ¿Vamos juntos?**

*yes (I) go to go (we) go together*

*woman:* Sure I'm going to go. Shall we go together?

## Vocabulary for Dialogue

<b>el hombre</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the man
<b>la mujer</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the woman
<b>¡hola!</b>	<i>interjection</i>	hi!, hello!
<b>ir</b>	<i>verb (infinitive)</i>	to go
<b>(tú) vas</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	you go (informal, singular)
<b>a</b>	<i>preposition</i>	to
<b>la fiesta</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	the party
<b>¿cuál?</b>	<i>pronoun</i>	what?, which?
<b>de</b>	<i>preposition</i>	of
<b>el cumpleaños</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the birthday
<b>la fiesta de cumpleaños</b>	<i>phrase</i>	the birthday party
<b>Javier</b>	<i>proper noun (masculine)</i>	Javier
<b>sí</b>	<i>adverb</i>	yes, sure
<b>(yo) voy</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	I go
<b>(yo) voy a ir</b>	<i>phrase</i>	I am going to go
<b>(nosotros/-as) vamos</b>	<i>verb (present tense)</i>	we go (m./f.)
<b>junto/junta</b>	<i>adjective (m./f.)</i>	together
<b>juntos/juntas</b>	<i>adjective (plural, m./f.)</i>	together



## Vocabulary for Audio Lesson

<b>la piñata</b>	<i>noun (feminine)</i>	traditional Mexican game
<b>el mariachi</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	traditional Mexican band or musician
<b>el sombrero</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the hat
<b>los sombreros</b>	<i>noun (plural, masculine)</i>	the hats
<b>el trío</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the trio
<b>el bolero</b>	<i>noun (masculine)</i>	the melancholic love song

<b>los boleros</b>	<i>noun (plural, masculine)</i>	the melancholic love songs
<b>hasta</b>	<i>preposition</i>	until
<b>luego</b>	<i>adverb</i>	then
<b>hasta luego</b>	<i>phrase</i>	see you later

## More Vocabulary



This section includes grammatically related words. Some of them are required by the exercise Dialogue Recast.

<b>ir</b>	<i>infinitive</i>	to go
<b>(yo) voy</b>	<i>present tense</i>	I go
<b>(tú) vas</b>		you go (informal, singular)
<b>(él/ella) va</b>		he/she(/it) goes
<b>(usted) va</b>		you go (formal, singular)
<b>(nosotros/-as) vamos</b>		we go (m./f.)
<b>(vosotros/-as) vais</b>		you go (informal, plural, m./f.)
<b>(ellos/ellas) van</b>		they go (m./f.)
<b>(ustedes) van</b>		you go (formal, plural)

## Exercises



### Dialogue Translation

Cover the right column, translate from Spanish to English and uncover the right column line by line to check your answers. If possible, read the Spanish sentences aloud.

<b>¡Hola! ¿Vas a la fiesta?</b>	Hello! Are you going to the party?
<b>¿Cuál fiesta?</b>	What party?
<b>La fiesta de cumpleaños de Javier.</b>	Javier's birthday party/the birthday party of Javier.
<b>Sí voy a ir. ¿Vamos juntos?</b>	Sure/yes I'm going to go. Shall we go together?

## Dialogue Recall

Now translate from English to Spanish. Remember to say the Spanish sentences aloud.

Hello! Do you go to the party?  
Which party?  
The birthday party of Javier.  
Sure I'm going to go. Do we go together?

**¡Hola! ¿Vas a la fiesta?  
¿Cuál fiesta?  
La fiesta de cumpleaños de Javier.  
Sí voy a ir. ¿Vamos juntos?**

## Dialogue Remix

Translate this variant of the dialogue from English to Spanish.

Are you going to go to the party?  
Yes, I'm going to go to the party of Javier.  
Are we going to go together to the party?  
What party?  
Hello? Javier's party.  
Yes, the birthday party of Javier.  
Yes. Do we go together to the party?  
Sure I am going to go to the party.

**¿Vas a ir a la fiesta?  
Sí, voy a ir a la fiesta de Javier.  
¿Vamos a ir juntos a la fiesta?  
¿Cuál fiesta?  
¿Hola? La fiesta de Javier.  
Sí, la fiesta de cumpleaños de Javier.  
Sí. ¿Vamos juntos a la fiesta?  
Sí voy a ir a la fiesta.**

## Dialogue Recast

This translation exercise requires some of the words from the More Vocabulary section.

Hello! Do you go to the party?  
(formal)  
Which party?  
The birthday party of Javier.  
Sure I'm going to go. Do you go together? (formal, plural)

**¡Hola! ¿(Usted) va a la fiesta?  
¿Cuál fiesta?  
La fiesta de cumpleaños de Javier.  
Sí voy a ir. ¿(Ustedes) van juntos?**

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