



LOS USOS DE *POR*

Semillas: Elementary Spanish II



Los usos de POR



The word **por** is a preposition that connects words or phrases and shows relationships between them, such as duration of time, routes, and means of communication.

It sometimes means “for” but not always.

Estudio **por** tres horas cada día.

*I study **for** three hours each day*

Cuando vamos al parque pasamos **por** el centro.

*When we go to the park and pass **through** downtown.*

Duration (duración)

We can use **por** to indicate how long something lasts.

Mis amigos y yo jugamos en la arena **por** varias horas

*My friends and I play in the sand **for** several hours.*

Dibujas con marcadores **por** toda la tarde.

You draw with markers for the whole afternoon.



Route (ruta)

We can use **por** to indicate movement through, along, or beside a route.

Después de almorzar, los estudiantes corren **por** el patio de recreo.

*After lunch, the students run **around** the playground.*

Nos gusta pasear **por** la playa.

*We like to walk **along** the beach.*





Means of communication ***(medio de comunicación)***

We can use **por** to indicate the method by which an action is performed.

Mi madre me manda mensajes **por** correo electrónico.

*My mother sends me messages **via** email.*