

Spanish Study Guide, Grade 8 - January 3rd

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tú: vas	vosotros: vais	
él/ella/Ud.: va	ellos/ellas/Uds.: van	

Examples

Yo voy a leer. - I'm going to read.	Nosotros vamos a comer. - We are going to eat.
Tú vas a cantar. - You're going to sing.	Vosotros vais a nadar. - You're going to swim. (Spain)
Ella va a bailar. - She's going to dance.	Ellos van a estudiar. - They're going to study.

La Naturaleza - Nature

el árbol -tree	la flor -flower	el mar -sea	el río -river	la hoja -leaf
la rama -branch	la playa -beach	el lago -lake	el cielo -sky	la tierra -earth
				la montaña -mountain

Costa Rica facts/information

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