

POR

Passive Voice (by)

- El presidente es elegido **por** los votantes.
The President is elected by voters.

Rate (by, per)

- Pagan **por** hora. *They pay by the hour.*
- El límite es sesenta y cinco millas **por** hora.
The speed limit is 65 miles per hour.

Exchange, price

- Mi hermano pagó cinco Euros **por** el libro.
My brother paid 5 Euros for the book.

Movement through space (by way of, through, along, etc...)

- Caminamos **por** la playa toda la tarde.
We walked along the beach the whole afternoon.
- Siempre voy a Mendoza **por** Chile.
I always go to Mendoza through (via) Chile.

Approximate time, duration

- Patricio trabajó **por** varios meses.
Patrick worked for several months.

For the sake of, on behalf of, in place of

- Hago esto **por** mi hermano, no **por** mí.
I do this because of (for the sake of) my brother, not me.
- Ayer Andres trabajó **por** su hermano.
Yesterday Andrew worked for (in place of) his brother.

During, in (time of day)

- **Por** la mañana, **por** la tarde, **por** la noche

Because of

- Estoy nerviosa **por** el examen.
I'm nervous because of the test.

Some expressions:

Por Dios - For heaven's sake

Por ejemplo - for example

Por eso - that's why

Por fin - finally

Por primera vez - For the first time

Gracias **por**

PARA

In order to + infinitive

- **Para** ganar, hay que practicar.
In order to win, one must practice.

Destined for, to be given to

- Todo esto es **para** ti.
All of this is for (to be given) to you.

Deadline (time)

- Tendremos los resultados **para** mañana.
We will have the results for (by) tomorrow.

Toward, in the direction of

- Salieron **para** Lima.
They left for Lima.

Purpose

- Es **para** escribir.
It's for (the purpose of) writing

Comparison, considering

- **Para** un estudiante de español, habla muy bien.
He speaks well considering he's a Spanish student.

About to, on the verge of

- Estoy **para** llorar.
I'm about to cry.

Employment

- Juan trabaja **para** su hermano.
Juan works for his brother.

Destined person, place or time
In order to
In order to become
On the verge
Considering
Purpose

tune:
London
Bridges

• In order to become
Estudio **para** médico.
I study to become a doctor