

## Gramática

### Las contracciones **al** y **del**

1. The preposition **a** means \_\_\_\_\_. **A** contracts with **el** to form one word — \_\_\_\_\_. **A** does not contract with **la**, **las**, or **los**.
2. The preposition **a** has another important use. Whenever the direct object of a verb is a \_\_\_\_\_, you must put **a** before it. This **a** is not translated. It is called the \_\_\_\_\_. Observe the following sentences.

tú
Ud., él, ella
nosotros(as)
vosotros(as)
Uds., ellos, ellas

2. You use **estar** to tell \_\_\_\_\_.

You also use **estar** to tell \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. The preposition **de** means \_\_\_\_\_.

**De** contracts with **el** to form \_\_\_\_\_.

It does not contract with **la**, **las**, or **los**.

4. **De** also forms a part of many other prepositions.