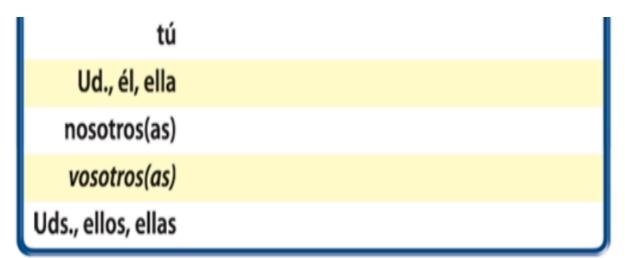
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## Las contracciones al y del

<ol> <li>The preposition a</li> </ol>	means	A contracts with <b>el</b> to form
one word —	. A does no	ot 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.



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.