

Acabar de + infinitive

In Spanish, many useful expressions are formed by combining two verbs. When this occurs, the first verb is conjugated, while the second verb remains in the infinitive form.

Yo **voy** a viajar a España I am going to travel to Spain.

Tú **acabas** de comer You have just eaten.

Juan **puede** nadar cada día..... Juan can swim every day.

María **vuelve** a leer el libro María reads the book again.

One such expression combines the verb acabar (conjugated) with an infinitive. The preposition “de” is always used. The formula is:

acabar de + infinitive = to have just done something (in the very recent past)

Acabo de llevar a mi hermana a su casa..... **I just took** my sister to her house.

Acabas de invitar a muchas muchachas..... **You have just invited** many girls.

Cristina acaba de conversar con mi mamá..... Christina **has just spoken** with my mom.

Nosotros acabamos de leer el libro **We just read** the book.

Vosotros acabáis de escribir unas cartas **You-all have just written** some letters.

Ellos acaban de nadar en el mar..... They **have just swum** in the ocean.

Let’s add a flashcard for the expression “acabar de + infinitive”:

Verb Flashcards

17. Acabar de + infinitive

To have just done something

(acabo, acabas, acaba, acabamos, acabáis, acaban)