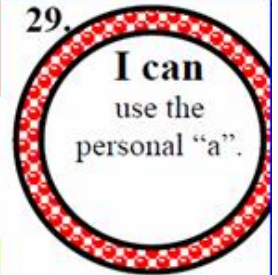


A personal



I can apply the "personal a" to a sentence to show who is receiving the action.

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Translate the two sentences below:

- Yo veo una película en el cine. I see a movie at the cinema.

- Yo veo a una amiga en el cine. I see a friend at the cinema.

Notice the second sentence has the word "a" after the verb?

¿Por qué?



This is "personal a".

"Personal a" is used when the direct object of the verb is a person (or pet).



A direct object is the what or who that receives the action of the verb.

For example: I send an email. Who or what is sent? an email
My friends iM me. Who or what is iM'd? me

Now find the direct object in these Spanish sentences.

- Mi mamá lee un libro por la noche.
 - What is the action/verb? reading
 - Who or what is 'receiving' it? a book
- Yo cuido a mi hermanito de vez en cuando.
 - What is the action/verb? taking care of
 - Who or what is 'receiving' it? my little brother

One exception.....the verb tener does not take "personal a".