

# 'A' personal



I can use "personal a" when appropriate.

Translate the two sentences below:

- Yo veo una película en el cine. \_\_\_\_\_

- Yo veo a una amiga en el cine. \_\_\_\_\_

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).



What is a direct object again???

A direct object is the \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_ that receives the action of the  
verb.

For example: I send an email. Who or what is sent? e-mail

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?* \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Who or what is 'receiving' it?* \_\_\_\_\_
- Yo cuido a mi hermanito de vez en cuando.
  - *What is the action/verb?* \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Who or what is 'receiving' it?* \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*One exception.....the verb TENER does not take "personal a".\*\***