

Prepositions and Verb Infinitives in Spanish

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In English we use the present participle after a preposition, such as: before *leaving*, after *drinking*, without *thinking*. However, this is not the case in Spanish -- only the verb infinitive may follow a preposition. See the following examples:

antes de <i>salir</i>	before <i>leaving</i>
después de <i>llegar</i>	since <i>arriving</i>
para <i>trabajar</i>	for <i>working</i> (in order to work)
sin <i>hablar</i>	without <i>speaking</i>
al <i>entrar</i>	on <i>entering</i>

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