

## **THE PERSONAL “A”**

**IF THE DIRECT OBJECT IN SPANISH IS A PERSON, AN “A” APPEARS BEFORE THE PERSON. (OR ANIMAL)**

- 1. I invite Juan.**  
**Yo invito a Juan.**
- 2. She is watching the children.**  
**Ella mira a los niños.**
- 3. We are helping Ana.**  
**Nosotros ayudamos a Ana.**
- 4. Whom are you helping?**  
**¿A quién ayudas tú?**
- 5. Who is helping?**  
**¿Quién ayuda? \*\*\*No personal “a” because the “person” is the subject, not the direct object.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Don’t use a personal “a” after a form of “tener”.\*\*\***  
**Ejemplo: Yo tengo un amigo en Nueva York.**