MORE ON 'DE'

Although **de** means 'of', it's not often translated like this in English.

- un vaso **de** vino  a glass of wine
- un bocadillo **de** queso  a cheese sandwich
- el padre **de** Juan  Juan's father

**De** also means 'from'.

- a cien metros **de** aquí  100 m from here

When **de** is followed by **el**, the words combine to become **del**.

- las llaves **del** coche  car keys

**De** is used in lots of phrases which describe position and location.

- Está lejos (**de** aquí)  It's far (from here)
- Está cerca (**de** la playa)  It's near (the beach)
- Está encima (**de** la mesa)  It's on top (of the table)
- Está debajo (**de** la mesa)  It's underneath (the table)
- Están dentro (**del** coche)  They are inside (the car)
- Están fuera (**de** la casa)  ... outside (the house)
- Está delante (**de** la casa)  It's in front (of the house)
- Está detrás (**de** la oficina)  ... at the rear (of the office)