

The Present Tense of Regular Verbs

	Hablar	Beber	Vivir
Yo	hablo	bebo	vivo
Tú	hablas	bebes	vives
Ud./él/ella	habla	bebe	vive
nosotros/a	hablamos	bebemos	vivimos
s			
vosotros/a	habláis	bebéis	vivís
s			
Uds./ellos/ellas	hablan	beben	viven

Stem-changing Verbs

e --> ie	o --> ue	e --> i
Pensar to think	Poder to be able to, can	Pedir to ask for
pienso	puedo	pido
piensas	puedes	pides
piensa	puede	pide
piensamos	podemos	pedimos
pensáis	podéis	pedís
piensan	pueden	piden

The **nosotros/as** and **vosotros/as** forms never have stem changes in the *present tense*.

Other verbs that have stem changes include: **jugar, incluir, construir, destruir, and influir.**

Jugar changes its stem vowel from u to ue. The rest listed add a y to personal endings.

Ser and Estar

Both **ser** and **estar** mean **to be** but they are NOT interchangeable!!!
SER is used to express the idea of permanence, such as inherent or unchanging qualities and characteristics.
ESTAR is used to express temporality, including qualities or conditions that change with time.

Ser and Estar Mnemonics

SER	ESTAR
Date	Position
Occupation	Location
Characteristic	Action
Time	Condition
Origin	Emotion
Relation	

These two Mnemonics can be used to help determine when to use either Ser or Estar.

Irregular Yo forms

Many **-er** and **-ir** verbs have irregular **yo** forms in the present tense. Verbs ending in **-cer** or **-cir** change to **-zco** in the **yo** form. Verbs ending in **-ger** or **-gir** change to **-jo**.

¡Atención!: some verbs with irregular **yo** forms have stem changes as well!

conseguir (e:i) --> consigo

corregir (e:i) --> corrijo

elegir (e:i) --> elijo

torcer (o:ue) --> tuerzo

Irregular Yo forms

Ending in -go	Ending in -zco
caer to fall yo caigo	conducir to drive yo conduzco
distinguir to distinguish yo distingo	conocer to know yo conozco
hacer to do, to make yo hago	crecer to grow yo crezco
poner to put, to place yo pongo	obedecer to obey yo obedezco
salir to leave, to go out yo salgo	parecer to seem yo parezco
traer to bring yo traigo	Producir to produce yo produzco

Irregular Yo forms (cont)

valer to be worth	yo valgo	traducir to translate	yo traduzco
rehacer to remake, redo	yo rehago	reconocer to recognize	yo reconozco
deshacer to undo	yo deshago	aparecer to appear	yo aparezco
componer to make up	yo compongo	desaparecer to disappear	yo desaparezco
oponer to oppose	yo opongo		
proponer to propose	yo propongo		
suponer to suppose	yo supongo		
atraer to attract	yo atraigo		
contraer to contract	yo contraigo		
distraer to distract	yo distraigo		

Irregular Yo forms

Ending in -jo	Other Verbs
dirigir to direct, manage yo dirijo	caber to fit yo quepo
escoger to choose yo escojo	saber to know yo sé
exigir to demand yo exijo	ver to see yo veo
proteger to protect yo protejo	

Irregular Verbs Note

Other commonly used verbs in Spanish are irregular in the present tense or combine a stem-change with an irregular **yo** form or other spelling change.

Irregular Verbs (part 1)

dar	decir	estar	ir
<i>to give</i>	<i>to say</i>	<i>to be</i>	<i>to go</i>
doy	digo	estoy	voy
das	dices	estás	vas
da	gice	está	va
damos	decimos	estamos	vamos
dais	decís	estáis	vais
dan	dicen	están	van

Irregular verbs (part 2)

oír	ser	tener	venir
<i>to hear</i>	<i>to be</i>	<i>to have</i>	<i>to come</i>
oigo	soy	tengo	vengo
oyes	eres	tienes	vienes
oye	es	tiene	viene
oímos	somos	tenemos	venimos
oís	sois	tenéis	venís
oyen	son	tienen	vienen

Verbs like gustar

aburrir <i>to bore</i>	hacer falta <i>to miss; to need</i>
caer bien/mal <i>to (not) get along well with</i>	importar <i>to be important to; to matter</i>
disgustar <i>to upset</i>	interesar <i>to be interesting to; to interest</i>
doler <i>to hurt; to ache</i>	molestar <i>to bother; to annoy</i>
encantar <i>to like very much</i>	preocupar <i>to worry</i>
faltar <i>to lack; to need</i>	quedar <i>to be left over; to fit (clothing)</i>
fascinar <i>to fascinate</i>	sorprender <i>to surprise</i>

