

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 desaparezo

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>

