

Present Tense Conjugation

Verbs tell us the action being done in a sentence. When we use verbs we must **conjugate** them or change them to match the subject. For example, in English you would not say "I be", but rather "I am" because you conjugate the verb "to be". The same thing happens in Spanish!

-AR Endings

Yo (I)	o	Nosotros (as) (We)	amos
Tú (You)	as	Vosotros (as) (All of you)	(áis)
Usted (You formal)	a	Ustedes (All of you formal)	an
Él/Ella (He/She)	a	Ellos/Ellas (They)	an

In order to conjugate a verb you follow these steps:

1. Drop the ar off the verb.
2. This leave you with the stem.
3. Add the appropriate ending:

1. hablar



habl

2. habl



stem

3. yo habl <u>o</u>	nosotros habl <u>amos</u>
tú habl <u>as</u>	(vosotros) habl <u>áis</u>
Ud. habl <u>a</u>	Uds. habl <u>an</u>
él habl <u>a</u>	ellos habl <u>an</u>
ella habl <u>a</u>	ellas habl <u>an</u>

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Practice: Start with the infinitive, cross off the ending. In step 2 write the stem. In step 3 add the appropriate ending. Then write the meaning!

Verb	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Meaning
to draw	dibuj <u>ar</u>	dibuj	yo <u>dibuj</u> o	I draw
to paint	pint <u>ar</u>	pint	Uds. <u>pint</u> an	All of you paint
to answer	contest <u>ar</u>	Contest	tú <u>contest</u> as	you answer
to study	estudi <u>ar</u>	estudi	nosotros <u>estudi</u> amos	we Study

-AR Verb Song

o, as, a
amos, áis, an
(repeat 3 times)

The
Present Tense
-AR endings are:

o, as, a
amos, áis, an

The -AR ending's infinitive

To ask, to speak,
to buy, to swim

Take off the -AR you get a
stem

Put these endings on the end

I ask, you speak,
we buy, they swim