

Present Tense Conjugation

There are 3 kinds of verbs in Spanish. Verbs can end in -ar, -er, or -ir. When we use verbs with subjects 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)	<i>o</i>	Nosotros (as) (We)	<i>amos</i>
Tú (You)	<i>as</i>	Vosotros (as) (All of you)	<i>(áis)</i>
Usted (You formal)	<i>a</i>	Ustedes (All of you formal)	<i>an</i>
Él/Ella (He/She)	<i>a</i>	Ellos/Ellas (They)	<i>an</i>

-ER Endings

Yo (I)	<i>o</i>	Nosotros (as) (We)	<i>emos</i>
Tú (You)	<i>es</i>	Vosotros (as) (All of you)	<i>(éis)</i>
Usted (You formal)	<i>e</i>	Ustedes (All of you formal)	<i>en</i>
Él/Ella (He/She)	<i>e</i>	Ellos/Ellas (They)	<i>en</i>

-IR Endings

Yo (I)	<i>o</i>	Nosotros (as) (We)	<i>imos</i>
Tú (You)	<i>es</i>	Vosotros (as) (All of you)	<i>(ís)</i>
Usted (You formal)	<i>e</i>	Ustedes (All of you formal)	<i>en</i>
Él/Ella (He/She)	<i>e</i>	Ellos/Ellas (They)	<i>en</i>

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In order to conjugate a verb you follow these steps:

1. Take the infinitive of the verb and drop the ending (ar, er, ir).
2. You are then left with the stem.
3. Add the appropriate ending:

1. leer	2. le	3.	yo <u>leo</u>	nosotros <u>leemos</u>
			tú <u>lees</u>	vosotros <u>leéis</u>
			Ud. <u>lee</u>	Uds. <u>leen</u>
			él <u>lee</u>	ellos <u>leen</u>
			ella <u>lee</u>	ellas <u>leen</u>

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

Verb	Infinitivo (1)	Step 2	Step 3	Meaning
to eat	com <u>er</u>	Com	yo <u>Como</u>	I eat
to drink	beb <u>er</u>	beb	Uds. <u>beben</u>	all of you drink
to learn	aprend <u>er</u>	aprend	tú <u>aprendes</u>	you learn
to write	escrib <u>ir</u>	escrib	nosotros <u>escribimos</u>	We write