

Spanish Regular Verbs – Present Tense

El Presente

➤ To form any tense in the Spanish language, the end of the verb must be changed to agree with the subject that is performing the action of the verb.

☐ This process of changing verbs to agree with the subject is called **conjugation**.

➤ The present tense is used to talk about things that are currently happening.

◆ **Steps to conjugate regular -AR, -ER, or -IR verbs in the present tense:**

1. Identify the infinitive form of the verb.
2. Drop the –AR, –ER, or –IR ending from the infinitive form of the verb.
3. Add the appropriate ending (that corresponds to *who* is performing the action).

-AR VERBS (1 st conjugation)			
yo	-o	nosotros	-amos
tú	-as	vosotros	-áis
él/ella/ usted	-a	ellos/ellas/ ustedes	-an

hablar- <i>to speak</i>	
yo hablo – <i>I speak</i>	nosotros hablamos – <i>We speak</i>
tú hablas – <i>You speak</i>	vosotros habláis – <i>You (pl.) speak</i>
él/ella/usted habla – <i>He/she/you (formal) speaks</i>	ellos/ellas/ustedes hablan – <i>They/you (pl.) speak</i>

Examples:

- ☐ *¿Hablas español?* *Sí, hablo español pero ellos sólo hablan inglés.*
Do you speak Spanish? Yes, I speak Spanish, but they only speak English.
- ☐ *Los bailarines profesionales bailan muy bien.*
The professional dancers dance very well.

-ER VERBS (2nd conjugation)			
yo	-o	nosotros	-emos
tú	-es	vosotros	-éis
él/ella/ usted	-e	ellos/ellas/ ustedes	-en

comer- to eat	
yo como – <i>I eat</i>	nosotros comemos – <i>We eat</i>
tú comes - <i>You eat</i>	vosotros coméis - <i>You (pl.) eat</i>
él/ella/usted come – <i>He/she/you (formal) eats</i>	ellos/ellas/ustedes comen - <i>They/ you (pl.) eat</i>

Examples:

- ☐ ***Ella no come carne porque es vegetariana.***
She doesn't eat meat because she is a vegetarian.

- ☐ ***Los jugadores corren mucho durante el partido de fútbol. .***
The players run a lot during the soccer game.

-IR VERBS (3rd conjugation)			
yo	-o	nosotros	-imos
tú	-es	vosotros	-ís
él/ella/ usted	-e	ellos/ellas/ ustedes	-en

escribir- to write	
yo escribo – <i>I write</i>	nosotros escribimos – <i>We write</i>
tú escribes – <i>You write</i>	vosotros escribís – <i>You (pl.) write</i>
él/ella/usted escribe – <i>He/she/you (formal) writes</i>	ellos/ellas/ustedes escriben – <i>They/ you (pl.) write</i>

Examples:

- ☐ ***Escribo cartas a mi familia que vive en Puerto Rico.***
I write letters to my family that lives in Puerto Rico.

- ☐ ***Los testigos describen la escena del crimen.***
The witnesses describe the scene of the crime.