

Spanish Verbs – Conditional Tense

El condicional

- The conditional tense is used to talk about events that *would* happen in the future under certain circumstances.
- All three verb types, -AR, -ER and -IR have the same conjugation endings in this tense.

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

1. Identify the infinitive form of the verb.
2. Choose the appropriate ending.
3. Add the ending **directly** to the infinitive form of the verb. **DO NOT DROP** the -AR, -ER, or -IR ending from the verb.

-AR/ -ER/ -IR			
yo	-ía	nosotros	- íamos
tú	-ías	vosotros	- íais
él/ella/ usted	-ía	ellos/ellas/ ustedes	- ían

pintar – to paint	
yo pintaría – <i>I would paint</i>	nosotros pintaríamos – <i>We would paint</i>
tú pintarías – <i>You would paint</i>	vosotros pintaríais – <i>You (pl.) would paint</i>
él/ella/usted pintaría – <i>He/she/you (formal) would paint</i>	ellos/ellas/ustedes pintarían – <i>They/you (pl.) would paint</i>

correr – to run	
yo correría – <i>I would run</i>	nosotros correríamos – <i>We would run</i>
tú correrías – <i>You would run</i>	vosotros correríais – <i>You (pl.) would run</i>
él/ella/usted correría – <i>He/she/you (formal) would run</i>	ellos/ellas/ustedes correrían – <i>They/you(pl.) would run</i>

describir – to describe	
yo describiría – <i>I would describe</i>	nosotros describiríamos – <i>We would describe</i>
tú describirías – <i>You would describe</i>	vosotros describiríais – <i>You (pl.) would describe</i>
él/ella/usted describiría – <i>He/she/you (formal) would describe</i>	ellos/ellas/ustedes describirían – <i>They/you (pl.) would describe</i>

➤ In English the word *should* can also indicate the conditional tense. In Spanish the verb **deber** – to ought to or “to should”- indicates the conditional.

deber – to ought to	
yo debo – I ought to/ I should	nosotros debemos – We ought to/ should
tú debes – You ought to/ you should	vosotros debéis – You pl. ought to/ should
él/ella/usted debe – He/she/you formal ought/ should	ellos/ellas/ustedes deben – They/you pl. ought to/ should

- ☐ ***Debemos quedarnos en casa porque está nevando.***
We should stay home because it is snowing.

➤ There are many common verbs that use an irregular stem when forming the conditional tense instead of the entire infinitive. These irregular stems are also used in the future tense.

Verb	Irregular Stem
pod er – to be able to	➤ podr-
haber – to have (aux.)	➤ habr-
cab er – to fit	➤ cabr-
sab er – to know	➤ sabr-
quer er – to want or to love	➤ querr-
pon er – to put	➤ pondr-
sal ir – to go out	➤ saldr-
tener – to have	➤ tendr-
ven ir – to come	➤ vendr-
val er – to be worth	➤ valdr-
dec ir – to say	➤ dir-
hac er – to do or to make	➤ har-

- ☐ ***Haría la tarea contigo pero la profesora no nos permite hacerlo juntos.***
I would do the homework with you but the professor doesn't allow us to do it together.
- ☐ ***Queríamos estudiar juntos.***
We would like to study together.
- ☐ ***Me dijo que vendría conmigo.***
He told me that he would come with me.

Spanish Verbs- Conditional Tense

The conditional tense of a verb is used when someone is saying a hypothetical statement. This is generally used as “would, could”. Here are some examples of verbs used in the Conditional Tense:

Conditional Tense	Verb	Translation	Eng	Span	Eng	Span	Eng	Span	Eng	Span	Eng	Span
-	Poder	To be able to	I would be able to	Yo podría	You informal would be able to	Tú podrías	He, she, you formal would be able to	Él, ella, usted podría	We would be able to	Nosotros podríamos	They, you plural would be able to	Ellos, ellas, ustedes podrían
-	Estar	To be	I would be	Yo estaría	You informal would be	Tú estarías	He, she, you formal would be	Él, ella, usted estaría	We would be	Nosotros estaríamos	They, you plural would be	Ellos, ellas, ustedes estarían
-	Venir	To come	I would come	Yo vendría	You informal would come	Tú vendrías	He, she, you formal would come	Él, ella, usted vendría	We would come	Nosotros vendríamos	They, you plural would come	Ellos, ellas, ustedes vendrían
-	Cantar	To sing	I would sing	Yo cantaríamos	You informal would sing	Tú cantarías	He, she, you formal would sing	Él, ella, usted cantaríamos	We would sing	Nosotros cantaríamos	They, you plural would sing	Ellos, ellas, ustedes cantarían
-	Tratar de	To try to do something	I would try	Yo trataría de	You informal would try	Tú tratarías de	He, she, you formal would try	Él, ella, usted trataría de	We would try	Nosotros trataríamos de	They, you plural would try	Ellos, ellas, ustedes tratarían de

Conditional Verb Sentences

1. She would try- Trataría de

English- She would try to jump on the bed if her parents allowed her.

Spanish- Trataría de saltar en la cama si sus padres la dejaran.

2. We would come- Vendríamos

English- We would come to the party, but my daughter has a doctor's appointment that day.

Spanish- Vendríamos a la fiesta, pero mi hija tiene una cita con el doctor ese día.

3. I would be able to- Yo podría

English- I would be able to walk to the store, but I don't feel well today.

Spanish- Podría caminar a la tienda, pero no me siento bien hoy.

4. You (informal) would be- Estarías

English- Normally at this time, you would be in class, but today you are at home.

Spanish- Normalmente a esta hora, estarías en la clase, pero hoy tú estás en casa.

5. They would sing- Cantarían

English- They would sing, but no one has given them an opportunity

Spanish- Cantarían, pero nadie los ha dado una oportunidad.