



Conversación avanzada en español

Guía de estudio

Hablando del presente

EL PRESENTE (The Present Tense)

CONJUGATION IN THE PRESENT TENSE

Regular Verbs

-AR Verbs

-o -amos
-as
-a -an

-ER Verbs

-o -emos
-es
-e -en

-IR Verbs

-o -imos
-es
-e -en

Examples:

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (Yo) <u>camino</u> | I walk (I am walking) |
| (Nosotros) <u>jugamos</u> | We play (We are playing) |
| (Ella) <u>aprende</u> | She learns (She is learning) |
| (Ellos) <u>comen</u> | They eat (They are eating) |
| (Él) <u>recibe</u> | He receives (He is receiving) |
| (Tú) <u>decides</u> | You decide (You are deciding) |

(NOTE: Pronoun is optional, only needed for emphasis or clarification.)

Stem Changers: e > ie and i > ie

| QUERER (To want) | EMPEZAR (To start) | PENSAR (To think) | ENTENDER (To understand) |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| quiero | empiezo | pienso | entiendo |
| quieres | empiezas | piensas | entiendes |
| quiere | empieza | piensa | entiende |
| queremos | empezamos | pensamos | entendemos |
| quieren | empieza | piensan | entienden |

Others: atender, cerrar, comenzar, confesar, defender, divertir, encender, gobernar, inquirir, mentir, negar, nevar, perder, preferir, recomendar, requerir, sentar, sentir, sugerir

Stem Changers: o > ue and u > ue

| DORMIR (To sleep) | MOSTRAR (To show) | OLER (To smell) | PROBAR (To Test, Try) | JUGAR (To play) |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| duermo | muestro | huelo | pruebo | juego |
| duermes | muestras | hueles | pruebas | juegas |
| duerme | muestra | huele | prueba | juega |
| dormimos | mostramos | olemos | probamos | jugamos |
| duermen | muestran | huelen | prueban | juegan |

Others: acordar, contar, encontrar, llover, morir, mover, poder, recordar, resolver, sonar, volar, volver

Stem Changers: e > i

| PEDIR (To ask for) | REPETIR (To repeat) | MEDIR (To measure) | SEGUIR (To follow or continue) |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| pido | repito | mido | sigo |
| pides | repites | mides | sigues |
| pide | repite | mide | sigue |
| pedimos | repetimos | medimos | seguimos |
| piden | repiten | miden | siguen |

Others: elegir, despedir, impedir, reírse, servir, vestirse

Stem Changers: ui > y

CONCLUIR (To conclude) CONTRIBUIR (To contribute) DISTRIBUIR (To distribute) Incluir (To include)

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| concluyo | contribuyo | distribuyo | incluyo |
| concluyes | contribuyes | distribuyes | incluyes |
| concluye | contribuye | distribuye | incluye |
| concluimos | contribuimos | distribuimos | incluimos |
| concluyen | contribuyen | distribuyen | incluyen |

Others: atribuir, construir, contribuir, destruir, diluir, influir, obstruir, sustituir

“GO-YO” verbs: Add a “g” in 1ST Person Singular

caer- caigo

hacer – hago (Also use with deshacer)

oír - oigo

poner – pongo (Also use with componer, proponer, reponer, suponer)

traer- traigo (Also use with distraer)

salir - salgo

valer – valgo

*****And don't forget tener (tengo) and venir (vengo)*****

Other Changes in 1ST Person Singular

Replace a “g” with a “j”

coger - cojo

emerger - emerjo

escoger - escojo

exigir - exijo

proteger - protejo

surgir - surjo

Replace “gu” with g

distinguir - distingo

extinguir - extingo

Replace “c” with “zc”

conocer - conozco

merecer - merezco

traducir - traduzco

True Irregular Verbs (These verbs use unique endings or a combination of stem-changer endings)

| | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <u>IR (To go)</u> | <u>DAR (To give)</u> | <u>SER (To be)</u> | <u>ESTAR (To be)</u> | <u>VER (To see)</u> |
| voy | doy | soy | estoy | veo |
| vas | das | eres | estás* | ves |
| va | da | es | está* | ve |
| vamos | damos | somos | estamos | vemos |
| van | dan | son | están* | ven |

*Note the accent

| | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>TENER (To have)</u> | <u>VENIR (To come)</u> | <u>DECIR (To say)</u> | <u>SABER (To know*)</u> |
| tengo | vengo | digo | sé |
| tienes | vienes | dices | sabes |
| tiene | viene | dice | sabe |
| tenemos | venimos | decimos | sabemos |
| tienen | vienen | dicen | saben |

*Also applies to contener, mantener, retener

*To know something – conocer is to know someone

Present Participle / Gerund (-ing in English)

-AR Verbs

-ando

-ER & -IR Verbs

-iendo

Ejemplos:

(Yo) estoy caminando

I am walking

(Nosotros) estamos jugando

We are playing

(Ella) está hablando

She is speaking

(Ellos) están comiendo

They are eating

(Tú) estás saliendo

You are leaving

(Él) está contribuyendo*

He is contributing

(Ella) está durmiendo*

She is sleeping

**Note the stem changer*

WORD ORDER IN SENTENCES

Subject – Verb – Object (Just like in English)

María limpia el baño.

Maria cleans the bathroom.

Ana y yo cocinamos la cena.

Ana and I cook dinner.

Los niños quieren las galletas.

The boys want cookies.

Juan compra las manzanas.

Juan buys the apples.

Substituting a Definite Article for the Object (Word order changes from English.)

María lo limpia. (el baño)

Maria cleans it. (the bathroom)

Ana y yo la cocinamos. (la cena)

Ana and I cook it. (dinner)

Los niños las compran. (las galletas)

The boys buy them. (cookies)

Juan las compra. (las manzanas)

Juan buys them. (apples)

Pronoun -Verb – Object (Pronoun is optional, only needed for emphasis or clarification)

(Ella) limpia el baño.

She cleans the bathroom.

(Nosotros) cocinamos la cena.

We cook dinner.

(Ellos) compran las galletas.

They bought cookies

(Él) toma la manzana.

He takes the apple.

Pronoun – Definite Article – Verb (Word order changes from English, subject pronoun is optional)

(Ella) lo limpia. (el baño)

She cleans it. (the house)

(Nosotros) la cocinamos. (la cena)

We cook it. (the dinner)

(Ellos) las compran. (galletas)

The boys buy them. (cookies)

(Él) la toma. (manzana)

He takes it. (the apple)

TIME FRAMES FOR THE PRESENT (And Near Future)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Esta mañana, tarde, noche | this morning, afternoon, night |
| Este fin de semana | this weekend |
| en... | in... |
| una hora | one hour |
| la mañana, la tarde | the morning, the afternoon |
| junio, julio | June, July |
| dos días, dos semanas | two days, two weeks |
| el lunes, el martes | on Monday, on Tuesday |
| el próximo lunes, el próximo martes | on next Monday, on next Tuesday |
| hoy, hoy en día | today, nowadays |
| mañana, pasado mañana | tomorrow, day after tomorrow |
| la próxima semana | next week |
| el próximo mes, el próximo año | next month, next year |
| ahora, ahorita | now, right now |
| ya | already, this instant |
| pronto, cuanto antes | soon, as soon as posible |
| nunca, siempre | never, always |
| una vez, otra vez, a veces | once, again |
| de vez encuando, a veces | from time to time, sometimes |
| normalmente, usualmente, en general | normally, usually, in general |

WORDS THAT MOVE THE ACTION

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| bueno... | well... |
| como siempre... | as always..., as usual... |
| de repente, de golpe... | suddenly... |
| luego... | then... |
| siguiente, a continuación... | next... |
| al mismo tiempo... | at the same time... |
| ya que... | seeing that, since... |
| así que..., entonces... | so... |
| como resultado... | as a result... |
| resulta que, total que... | it turns out that... |
| en fin, de todos modos... | anyway (in short), anyhow... |
| por fin, finalmente... | finally... |
| (des)afortunadamente... | (un)fortunately... |
| en realidad, realmente... | actually... |
| actualmente... | currently... |
| por cierto... | by the way... |
| por supuesto... | of course... |
| sin embargo... | nevertheless, however... |
| además... | in addition, furthermore |
| por una parte... | on the one hand... |
| pero por otra parte... | on the other hand... |
| y para colmo... | and to top it off... |