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Spanish Verbs : A summary of regular & irregular verbs

VERB COMPONENTS

1. **The Infinitive**
The verb is in its most basic form, such as **hablar** (to speak), **comer** (to eat) and **oir** (to hear).

a. **The stem, or radical** The first portion of the verb, such as **habl**, **comer**, and **oir**.

b. **Infinitive ending**: The last two letters in the verb, such as -**ar**, -**er**, and -**ir**.

c. Verbs are usually conjugated by removing the infinitive ending and applying a new ending, corresponding to a certain set of rules.

2. **English-Spanish comparison**

a. In English, most verbs differ only between the third-person singular and the other tenses.

b. Thus, the options for the simple present tense in English for the verb "speak" are *I speak, you speak, he speaks, she speaks, they speak, and we speak*. "Speak" and "speaks" are the only options in that tense.

c. Spanish, however, has six distinct possible endings for that verb (**hablar**) in the present tense.

VERB TYPES

1. **Regular verbs:**
All verbs fall into one or more of five basic categories, and most can be conjugated by following a basic system of rules.

2. **Hablar, comer, and venir** are all common, regular verbs.

3. **Irregular Verbs:**

a. While most Spanish verbs correspond with a basic set of rules, several extremely important verbs do not.

b. **Dar** (to give), **traer** (to bring), and **dejar** (to say) are all common irregulars.

3. Verbs that end in "-**ar**" are the most common.

amar (to love), **ayudar** (to help), **bañar** (to bathe), **comer** (to walk), **construir** (to construct), **describir** (to paint), **entrar** (to enter), **esperar** (to wait), **escribir** (to study), **explicar** (to explain), **poner** (to place), **mirar** (to look), **ver** (to look), **pasar** (to pass), **pedir** (to request), **poner** (to put), **quedarse** (to remain), **quedarse** (to stay), **quitar** (to take off), **sentir** (to feel), **trabajar** (to work), **tratar** (to treat) and **viajar** (to travel).

4. Verbs ending in "-**er**" are less common.

Examples of verbs ending in "-**er**": **aprender** (to learn), **beber** (to drink), **comer** (to eat), **comprender** (to understand), **correr** (to run), **esconder** (to hide).

5. Verbs ending in "-**ir**" are less common.

Examples of verbs ending in "-**ir**": **creer** (to believe), **dejar** (to give), **decir** (to say), **estar** (to be in the sense of location or temporary status), **haber** (to have, in the sense of having done something), **hacer** (to do, make), **ir** (to go), **oir** (to hear), **poner** (to be placed), **poner** (to put), **querir** (to want), **ser** (to be, in the sense of being), **valer** (to be worth), **ver** (to be, in the sense of possession), **trazar** (to bring), **venir** (to come), and **ver** (to see).

6. The other major group is stem-changing verbs, which have the same endings as regular verbs, but the stems change in all forms except nosotros and vosotros forms in which the stem is not stressed in pronunciation. Endings for stem-changing verbs are the same as for regular "-**ar**", "-**er**" and "-**ir**" verbs.

7. In Spanish, verbs have six conjugations in each tense—one for each subject pronoun. To use the verb **hablar** in the simple present tense, take the stem **habl** + and attach an ending according to the following guidelines:

a. **Yo**: (first-person, singular present) **habl + o**
I speak

b. **Tú**: (second-person, singular present) **habl + as**
you speak

c. **Usted**: (second-person, singular formal pronoun, often abbreviated as Ud.) **habl + a**
you speak

d. **El** (third-person, singular, male pronoun) **habl + a** — he speaks

e. **Ella**: (third-person, singular, female pronoun) **habl + a** — she speaks

f. **Nosotros**: (first-person, plural, male or mixed gender pronoun) **habl + amos** — we speak

g. **Nosotras**: (first-person, plural, female pronoun) **habl + as** — we speak

REGULAR VERBS

All regular verbs listed in the following section are conjugated to match pronouns in the following order:

1. **yo** (I)
2. **tu** (you, informal singular)
3. **él**, **ella**, **Ud.** (he, she or you, formal singular)
4. **nosotros**, **nosotras** (we)
5. **vosotros**, **vosotras** (you, informal plural)
6. **ellos**, **ellas**, **Uds.** (they or you, formal plural)

PRESENT

1. **Regular "ar" verbs**, such as **estudiar** (to study)
estudiar **o** (I study, I do study) **estudiar** **amos**
estudiar **as** (you study)
estudiar **a** (he, she or you, formal singular)
estudiar **an** (they or you, formal plural)

Example: Yo **estudio** biología. (I study biology.)

2. **Regular "er" verbs**, such as **correr** (to run)
correr **o** (I run, I do run) **correr** **emos**
correr **as** (you run)
correr **a** (he, she or you, formal singular)
correr **an** (they or you, formal plural)

Example: Tu **comes** rápido. (You eat quickly.)

3. **Regular "ir" verbs**, such as **escribir** (to write)
escribir **o** (I write, I do write) **escribir** **imos**
escribir **as** (you write)
escribir **a** (he, she or you, formal singular)
escribir **an** (they or you, formal plural)

Example: Ellos **escriben** en español. (They write in Spanish.)

IMPERFECT

1. **Regular "ar" verbs**, such as **estudiar** (to study)
estudiar **aba** (I was studying) **estudiar** **abamos**
estudiar **abas** (you were studying)
estudiar **aba** (he, she or you, formal singular)
estudiar **aban** (they or you, formal plural)



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I took Spanish many years ago, and this is an excellent basic summary/resource for learning and reviewing Spanish I got this as a gift to my daughter, who is currently taking Spanish at the college level. I am hoping this will help her learn the language well enough to communicate with non-English speaking Latinos. I had a similar summary when I studied German in college, and it was a handy study guide and review that I used throughout 4 semesters with great success.

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