

# The Present Tense

The present tense of regular **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir** verbs

- All Spanish verbs belong to one of three different classes, or conjugations, according to the ending of the infinitive, the verb form ending in **-ar**, **-er**, or **-ir**.
  - first conjugation (**-ar**) verbs like **hablar** (*to speak*)
  - second conjugation (**-er**) verbs like **aprender** (*to learn*)
  - third conjugation (**-ir**) verbs like **escribir** (*to write*)
- Each conjugation has its own set of endings that are added to the stem for the different persons of the verb. Verbs conjugated according to the patterns below are called *regular* verbs.
- Verbs of the first conjugation (**-ar** verbs) are conjugated like **hablar** (*to speak*):

	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
First person	<b>Yo</b> hablo	<b>Nosotros</b> hablamos
Second person	<b>Tú</b> hablas	<b>Vosotros</b> habláis
Third person	<b>Él</b> habla	<b>Ellos</b> hablan
	<b>Ella</b>	<b>Ellas</b>
	<b>Ud.</b>	<b>Uds.</b>

- Verbs of the second conjugation (**-er** verbs) are conjugated like **aprender** (*to learn*):

	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
First person	<b>Yo</b> aprendo	<b>Nosotros</b> aprendemos
Second person	<b>Tú</b> aprendes	<b>Vosotros</b> aprendéis
Third person	<b>Él</b> aprende	<b>Ellos</b> aprenden
	<b>Ella</b>	<b>Ellas</b>
	<b>Ud.</b>	<b>Uds.</b>

- Verbs of the third conjugation (**-ir** verbs) are conjugated like **escribir** (*to write*):

	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
First person	<b>Yo</b> escribo	<b>Nosotros</b> escribimos
Second person	<b>Tú</b> escribes	<b>Vosotros</b> escribís
Third person	<b>Él</b> escribe	<b>Ellos</b> escriben

**Ella**

**Ellas**

**Ud.**

**Uds.**

*Some common regular -ar verbs*

<b>aceptar</b>	<i>to accept</i>	<b>dibujar</b>	<i>to draw</i>	<b>mirar</b>	<i>to look at</i>
<b>acompañar</b>	<i>to go with, accompany</i>	<b>disfrutar</b>	<i>to enjoy</i>	<b>nadar</b>	<i>to swim</i>
<b>aconsejar</b>	<i>to advise</i>	<b>doblar</b>	<i>to turn, (change direction)</i>	<b>necesitar</b>	<i>to need</i>
<b>ahorrar</b>	<i>to save</i>	<b>durar</b>	<i>to last</i>	<b>pagar</b>	<i>to pay</i>
<b>alquilar</b>	<i>to rent</i>	<b>echar/tirar</b>	<i>to throw</i>	<b>parar</b>	<i>to stop</i>
<b>apagar</b>	<i>to turn off, shut off</i>	<b>empujar</b>	<i>to push</i>	<b>pasar</b>	<i>to spend (time), pass</i>
<b>arreglar</b>	<i>to arrange, fix up</i>	<b>entrar (en)</b>	<i>come in, enter</i>	<b>pintar</b>	<i>to paint</i>
<b>aumentar</b>	<i>to increase</i>	<b>entregar</b>	<i>to hand in</i>	<b>practicar</b>	<i>to practice</i>
<b>averiguar</b>	<i>to find out</i>	<b>escuchar</b>	<i>to listen (to)</i>	<b>preguntar</b>	<i>to ask (a question)</i>
<b>ayudar</b>	<i>to help</i>	<b>esperar</b>	<i>to wait, hope, expect</i>	<b>preparar</b>	<i>to prepare</i>
<b>bailar</b>	<i>to dance</i>	<b>esquiar</b>	<i>to ski</i>	<b>presentar</b>	<i>to present, introduce</i>
<b>bajar</b>	<i>to go down, lower, turn down</i>	<b>estacionar</b>	<i>to park</i>	<b>quitar</b>	<i>to take away</i>
<b>besar</b>	<i>to kiss</i>	<b>estudiar</b>	<i>to study</i>	<b>regresar</b>	<i>to come back, return</i>
<b>borrar</b>	<i>to erase</i>	<b>explicar</b>	<i>to explain</i>	<b>repasar</b>	<i>to review</i>
<b>buscar</b>	<i>to look for</i>	<b>felicitar</b>	<i>to congratulate</i>	<b>sacar</b>	<i>to take out</i>
<b>cambiar</b>	<i>to change</i>	<b>firmar</b>	<i>to sign</i>	<b>saludar</b>	<i>to greet</i>
<b>caminar</b>	<i>to walk</i>	<b>ganar</b>	<i>to earn, win</i>	<b>tardar</b>	<i>to take time</i>
<b>cantar</b>	<i>to sing</i>	<b>grabar</b>	<i>to record</i>	<b>terminar</b>	<i>to finish, end to play a musical instrument, to touch</i>
<b>celebrar</b>	<i>to celebrate</i>	<b>gritar</b>	<i>to shout</i>	<b>tocar</b>	
<b>cenar</b>	<i>to have dinner</i>	<b>hablar</b>	<i>to speak</i>	<b>tomar</b>	<i>to take, to drink</i>
<b>cocinar</b>	<i>to cook</i>	<b>invitar</b>	<i>to invite</i>	<b>trabajar</b>	<i>to work</i>
<b>colocar</b>	<i>to put, place</i>	<b>llamar</b>	<i>to call</i>	<b>usar</b>	<i>to use</i>
<b>comprar</b>	<i>to buy</i>	<b>llegar</b>	<i>to arrive</i>	<b>viajar</b>	<i>to travel</i>
<b>contestar</b>	<i>to answer</i>	<b>llevar</b>	<i>to carry, to wear</i>		
<b>cortar</b>	<i>to cut</i>	<b>llorar</b>	<i>to cry</i>		
<b>cruzar</b>	<i>to cross</i>	<b>mandar</b>	<i>to send, order</i>		
<b>dejar</b>	<i>to let, leave</i>	<b>manejar</b>	<i>to drive</i>		
<b>desear</b>	<i>to want</i>	<b>marcar</b>	<i>to dial, mark</i>		

*Some common regular –er verbs:*

<b>aprender</b>	<i>to learn</i>	<b>deber</b>	<i>ought, must</i>	<b>romper</b>	<i>to break</i>
<b>beber</b>	<i>to drink</i>	<b>leer</b>	<i>to read</i>	<b>vender</b>	<i>to sell</i>
<b>comer</b>	<i>to eat</i>	<b>meter</b>	<i>to put in</i>	<b>necesitar</b>	<i>to need</i>
<b>comprender</b>	<i>to understand</i>	<b>prender</b>	<i>to turn on</i>	<b>pagar</b>	<i>to pay</i>
<b>correr</b>	<i>to run</i>				

*Some common regular –ir verbs:*

<b>abrir</b>	<i>to open</i>	<b>discutir</b>	<i>to discuss, argue</i>	<b>recibir</b>	<i>to receive</i>
<b>añadir</b>	<i>to add</i>	<b>escribir</b>	<i>to write</i>	<b>subir</b>	<i>to go up, raise</i>
<b>asistir a</b>	<i>to attend</i>	<b>interrumpir</b>	<i>to interrupt</i>	<b>sufrir</b>	<i>to suffer</i>
<b>describir</b>	<i>to describe</i>	<b>ocurrir</b>	<i>to happen</i>	<b>vivir</b>	<i>to live</i>

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