

~ar
Verbs

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Regular Present Tense Verbs
&
Subject Pronouns

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(Let's review)

- Very important in Spanish because the conjugation of verbs **CHANGES** depending on the **SUBJECT**
- In Spanish, subject pronouns are slightly different than their counterparts in English because it uses **GENDER & FORMALITY**
- What do we mean by this?
- **GENDER**
- WE -----> nosotros (masculine) & nosotras (feminine)
- **FORMALITY**
- YOU -----> tú (informal) & usted (formal)
- Spanish has **NO** subject pronoun for "it"

Subject Pronouns (Pronombres)

- Yo = I
- Tú = you informal
- Usted = you formal
- Él = he
- Ella = she
- Nosotros = we masculine
- Nosotras = we feminine
- Ellos = they masculine
- Ellas = they feminine
- Ustedes = you all formal



Regular Present Tense Verbs

- Most common verbs in Spanish
- Used to express actions currently happening
- Present tense has 3 types (-ar / -er / -ir)
- The types are defined by the "ending root" of the verb
- Hablar (to speak) = habl + ar
- Correr (to run) = corr + er
- Vivir (to live) = viv + ir

- Regular verbs follow predictable patterns.
- The pattern that a verb follows depends on its "ending root" -the last 2 letters of the verb (-ar, -er, -ir)
- To conjugate regular verbs we follow the following steps
 - 1. REMOVE the "ending root" (-ar/-er/-ir) from the infinite form of the verb, leaving the verb stem
 - 2. ADD an ending DEPENDING on the subject pronoun to the verb stem

Regular Present Tense Verbs & Subject Pronouns (Putting it all together)

Pronoun

YO

TU

EL/ELLA/USTED

NOSOTROS/NOSOTRAS

ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES

-ar

-o

-as

-a

-amos

-an

-er

-o

-es

-e

-emos

-en

-ir

-o

-es

-e

-imos

-en

Let's Conjugate!

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| Pronoun | -ar (hablar) | -er (correr) | -ir (vivir) |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| YO | Habl+o | Corr+o | Viv+o |
| TU | Habl+as | Corr+es | Viv+es |
| EL/ELLA/USTED | Habl+a | Corr+e | Viv+e |
| NOSOTROS/NOSOTRAS | Habl+amos | Corr+emos | Viv+imos |
| ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES | Habl+an | Corr+en | Viv+en |

Examples

| Pronoun | -ar | -er | -ir |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| YO | -o | -o | -o |
| TU | -as | -es | -es |
| EL/ELLA/USTED | -a | -e | -e |
| NOSOTROS/NOSOTRAS | -amos | -emos | -imos |
| ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES | -an | -en | -en |

- (Bailar) -Yo bailo en la fiesta.
(I dance at the party.)
- (Correr) -El corre todos los días.
(He runs everyday.)
- (Escribir) -Nosotros escribimos en la escuela.
(We write at school.)

Review

| | Pronoun | -ar | -er | -ir |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| I | YO | -o | -o | -o |
| YOU | TU | -as | -es | -es |
| HE/SHE/YOU FORMAL | EL/ELLA/USTED | -a | -e | -e |
| WE | NOSOTROS/NOSOTRAS | -amos | -emos | -imos |
| THEY/YOU ALL | ELLOS/ELLAS/USTEDES | -an | -en | -en |

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Resources

- Where can you find subject pronoun chart and conjugation tables?
- Class web page under "conjugation tables" tab