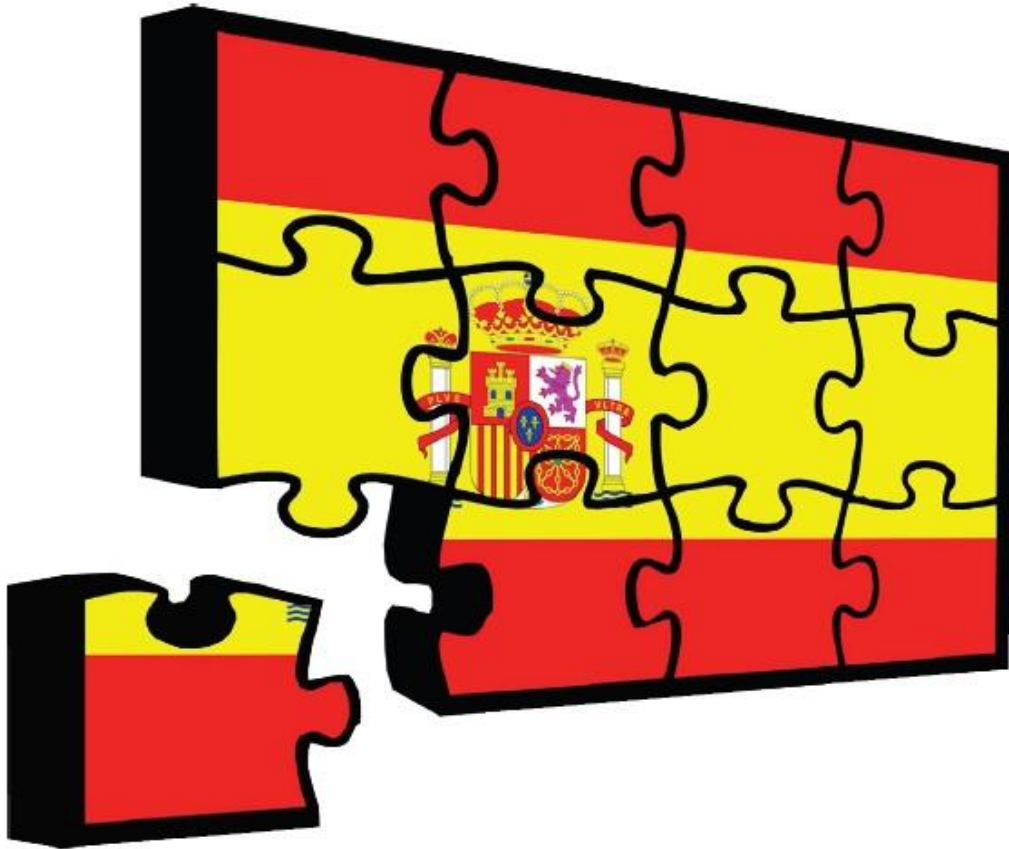


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VERBS AND TENSES

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Introduction

Verbs are the backbone to effective communication in any language and the sooner you confront them head on, the sooner you will speak Spanish. It is a pity that even today's educators make such a meal of this aspect of language learning, putting students off before they can savour the delights of real conversation. The course you are about to begin will teach you in a memorable and easy way how to use the simplest and more advanced verb forms. Whether you are learning for school, university, work, travel or pleasure you will be equipped and confident in a short space of time.

How to use Verbs and Tenses

The course can be followed in several ways. You can work your way through the lessons in order or select lessons based on need, e.g. if you are completing a college course or living in a Spanish speaking country. If in doubt, you are welcome to contact us through the site for advice.

As with the ProSpanish 1-6 course it is advised that you pause the video to give yourself time to answer the questions. You may prefer to write the answers or say them aloud.

A note about Usted and Vosotros

Vosotros is the *you plural* part of the verb, however it is rarely used outside mainland Spain. It is therefore, included in the verb tables but not the video lessons as its inclusion would significantly slow down learning. Once you are confident with the video lessons it will be very easy to understand and remember the extra vosotros endings if you require them. Usted is *you formal* and has the same form as *he* and *she*, so no extra endings need to be learnt.

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Lesson 1

to buy	comprar
to eat	comer
to live	vivir
I buy	compro
I eat	como
I live	vivo
(do) you buy	compras
(do) you eat	comes
(do) you live	vives

Examples

1. ¿Vives en Londres? No, vivo en Madrid.

Do you live in London? No I live in Madrid.

2. ¿Hablas inglés? Sí, hablo inglés.

Do you speak English? Yes, I speak English.

Lesson 2

to buy	comprar
to eat	comer
to live	vivir
he she buys	compra
he she eats	come
he she lives	vive
they buy	compran
they eat	comen
they live	viven

Examples

1. Carmen vive en Valencia.

Carmen lives in Valencia

2. Hablan inglés.

They speak English.

Lesson 3

to buy	comprar
to eat	comer
to live	vivir
we buy	compramos
we eat	comemos
we live	vivimos

Examples

1. Hablamos inglés y español.

We speak English and Spanish.

2. Comemos juntos.

We eat together.

Lesson 4

to put/ I put	poner/pongo
to go out/ I go out	salir/ salgo
to have/ I have	tener/ tengo
to come/ I come	venir/ vengo
to do/ I do	hacer/ hago
to say/ I say	decir/ digo
to fall/ I fall	caer/ caigo
to bring/ I bring	traer/ traigo

Examples

1. Tengo un gato.

I have a cat

2. Salgo con mis amigos.

I go out with my friends.

Lesson 5

to find/I find	encontrar/encuentro
to return/I return	volver/ vuelvo
to sleep/ I sleep	dormir/ duermo
to dream/I dream	soñar/ sueño
to think/I think	pensar/ pienso
to prefer/I prefer	preferir/prefiero
to want/ I want	querer/ quiero
to lie/ I lie	mentir/miento

Examples

1. Quiero un coche.

I want a car.

2. Duermo bien.

I sleep well.

Lesson 6

to repeat/I repeat	repetir/repito
to serve/I serve	servir/sirvo
to follow/ I follow	seguir/sigo
you repeat	repites
he/she/it asks for	repite
they ask for/request	piden
we ask for	pedimos
we repeat	repetimos

Examples

1. Siguen la lección.

They follow the lesson.

2. We ask for/request your help.

Pedimos tu ayuda

Lesson 7

estar/dar/ir	to be/to give/to go
estoy	I am
doy	I give
voy	I go
estás	you are
vas	you go
das	you give
voy a	I go to

Examples

1. Estoy aquí

I'm here

2. ¿Dónde estás?

Where are you?

Lesson 8

to buy/I bought	comprar/compré
to eat/ I ate	comer/comí
to go out/I went out	salir/salí
to speak/you spoke	hablar/hablaste
to drink/you drank	beber/bebiste
to write/you write	escribir/escribiste

Examples

1. Salí con amigos y bailé.

I went out with friends and I danced.

2. ¿Qué compraste?

What did you buy?

Lesson 9

to buy/he bought	comprar/compró
to eat/ he ate	comer/comió
to write/she wrote	salir/salió
to speak/they spoke	hablar/hablaron
to drink/they drank	beber/bebieron
to write/they wrote	escribir/escribieron
to dance/we danced	bailar/bailamos
to learn/we learnt	aprender/aprendimos
to open/we opened	abrir/abrimos

Examples

1. Mi amigo bailó mucho.

My friend danced a lot.

2. Abrieron la tienda tarde.

They opened the shop late.

Lesson 10

to want/I wanted	querer/quise
to come/I came	venir/vine
to have/ I had	tener/tuve
to be/ I was	estar/estuve
she had/ she was	tuvo/estuvo
you wanted	quisiste
we had/we were	tuvimos/estuvimos
they wanted	quisieron

Examples

1. Tuve un accidente.

I had an accident.

2. Estuvieron enfermos.

They were ill.

Lesson 11

I put/I was able to	puse/pude
you were able to	pudiste
he/she/it put	puso
we were able to	pudimos
they put	pusieron
I did/you did	hice/hiciste
he did/we did	hizo/hicimos
they did/made	hicieron

Examples

1. No pude ayudar.

I couldn't help.

2. Hicieron algo terrible.

They did something terrible.

Lesson 12

I went/was	fui
you went/were	fuiste
he/she/it went/was	fue
we went/were	fuimos
they went/were	fueron
it was fun	fue divertido
it was boring	fue aburrido
it was incredible	fue increíble

Examples

1. Fueron a la estación.

They went to the beach.

2. No fue nada especial.

It wasn't anything special.

Lesson 13

I will arrive	llegaré
you will learn	aprenderás
he/she/it will live	vivirá
we will go	iremos
they will drink	beberán
it will be fun	será divertido
I will be sad	estaré triste

Examples

1. Hablaré con él.

I will speak to him.

2. Estarán aquí mañana.

They will be here tomorrow.

Lesson 14

I will put	pondré
I will go out	saldré
I will have	tendré
I will come	vendré
I will be worth	valdré
I will do/make	haré
I will say/tell	diré
I will want	querré
I will be able to	podré

Examples

1. Tendré el dinero mañana.

I will have the money tomorrow.

2. Harán algo divertido esta noche.

They will do something fun tonight.

Lesson 15

compraría	I/he would buy
hablarías	you would speak
comeríamos	we would eat
aprenderían	they would learn
saldría	I/he would go out
tendría	I/he would have
podría	I/he would be able
vendría	I/he would come
haría	I/he would do/make
diría	I/he would tell/say

Examples

1. Llegaríamos demasiado pronto.

We would arrive too early.

2. Podrían ir a la playa.

They could/would be able to go to the beach.

Lesson 16

I have spoken/eaten	he hablado/comido
you have arrived	has llegado
you have learnt	has aprendido
he has worked	ha trabajado
we have played	hemos jugado
we have gone out	hemos salido

Examples

1. Ha trabajado demasiado.

She's worked too much.

2. Hemos capturado un león.

We have captured a lion.

Lesson 17

I've done/made	he hecho
I've said/told	he dicho
I've put	he puesto
I've seen	he visto
I've written	he escrito
I've returned	he vuelto

Examples

1. Hemos hecho la cena.

We've made the dinner.

2. Han visto algo interesante.

They've seen something interesting.

Lesson 18

he/I used to work	trabajaba
he/I used to live in	vivía en
we used to play	jugábamos
we used to go out	salíamos
I/he used to go	iba
I/he used to be	era

Examples

1. Tenía el pelo largo y era alto.

He had long hair and was tall.

2. Trabajábamos juntos en Madrid.

We used to work together in Madrid.

Lesson 19

I'm speaking	estoy hablando
I'm eating	estoy comiendo
reading	leyendo
building	construyendo
asking for	pidiendo
following	siguiendo

Examples

1. Estamos siguiendo la receta.

We are following the recipe.

2. Están construyendo algo.

They are building something.

Lesson 20

There's a light.	Hay una luz.
There are eggs.	Hay huevos.
Is there any milk?	Hay leche?
there was	había
there were	había
there will be	habrá

Examples

1. Hay queso en la nevera.

There's some cheese in the fridge.

2. Habrá mucho que hacer esta noche.

There will be a lot to do tonight.

Verb Tables

Present Tense Regular

AR - Hablar		ER - Comer		IR - Vivir	
hablo	hablamos	como	comemos	vivo	vivimos
hablas	habláis*	comes	coméis*	vives	vivís*
habla	hablan	come	comen	vive	viven

* *vosotros* you plural

Present Tense Stem Changing o-ue

Encontrar to find	encuentro, encuentras, encuentra, encontramos, encontráis*, encuentran
Volver to return	vuelvo, vuelves, vuelve, volvemos, volvéis*, vuelven
Morir to die	muero, mueres, muere, morimos, morís*, mueren

* *vosotros* you plural

Common similar verbs: apostar (*bet*), contar (*count, tell*), costar (*cost*), llover (*rain*), morir (*die*), mover (*move*), oler (*smell*), poder (*be able*), probar (*try, prove*), recordar (*remember*), sonar (*sound, ring*), soñar (*dream*), volar (*fly*).

Present Tense Stem Changing i-ie

Empezar to start	empiezo, empiezas, empieza, empezamos, empezáis*, empiezan
Querer to want	quiero, quieres, quiere, queremos, quieres*, quieren
Sentir to feel	siento, sientes, siente, sentimos, sentís*, sienten

* *vosotros* you plural

Common similar verbs: calentar (*heat*), cerrar (*close*), comenzar (*begin*), convertir (*convert*), defender (*defend*), despertar (*awaken*), divertir (*amuse*), pensar (*think*), perder (*lose*), tropezar (*stumble*).

Present Tense Stem Changing e-i (ir verbs only)

Repetir to repeat	repito, repites, repite, repetimos, repetís*, repiten
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* *vosotros* you plural

Common similar verbs: competir (*compete*), conseguir (*get*), corregir (*correct*), despedir (*sack, say goodbye*), elegir (*elect*), medir (*measure*), reír (*laugh*), servir (*serve*), (repeat), vestir (*dress*).

Past Tense (Preterite) Regular

AR - Hablar		ER - Comer		IR - Vivir	
hablé	hablam os	comí	comim os	viví	vivim os
hablaste	hablasteis*	comiste	comisteis*	viviste	vivisteis*
habló	hablaron	comió	comieron	vivió	vivieron

* *vosotros* you plural

Past Tense Irregular (Preterite)

Strong stem or grave preterites have a special set of endings:

E.g. *Tener* – tuve, tuviste tuvo, tuvimos, tuvisteis*, tuvieron

<u>andar</u>:	anduv-	<i>to walk</i>	<u>poner</u>:	pus-	<i>to put</i>
<u>conducir</u>:	conduj-	<i>to drive</i>	<u>querer</u>:	quis-	<i>to want, love</i>
<u>decir</u>:	dij-	<i>to tell, say</i>	<u>saber</u>:	sup-	<i>to know</i>
<u>estar</u>:	estuv-	<i>to be</i>	<u>tener</u>:	tuv-	<i>to have</i>
<u>haber</u>:	hub-	<i>to have</i>	<u>traducir</u>:	traduj-	<i>to translate</i>
<u>hacer</u>:	hic-	<i>to do, make</i>	<u>traer</u>:	traj-	<i>to bring</i>
<u>poder</u>:	pod-	<i>to be able</i>	<u>venir</u>:	vin-	<i>to come</i>

Notes: If the stem ends in a -j-, the -i- of the they form is dropped: e.g. dijeron, trajeron.

Past Tense 3rd Person Stem Change (Preterite)

IR stem-changing verbs in the present tense have a stem change in the preterite, but it occurs only in the **he/she and they** form, where the stem vowel **e** changes to **i**, or **o** changes to **u**.
E.g.

<u>sentir</u> (e - i)		<u>dormir</u> (o - u)		<u>pedir</u> (e - i)	
sentí	sentimos	dormí	dormimos	pedí	pedimos
sentiste	sentisteis	dormiste	dormisteis	pediste	pedisteis
s̄intió	s̄intieron	d̄urmió	d̄urmieron	p̄idió	p̄idieron

Other similar verbs

despedir	<i>to say goodbye</i>		repetir	<i>to repeat</i>
divertir	<i>to amuse, entertain</i>		seguir	<i>to follow, continue</i>
dormir	<i>to sleep</i>		sentir	<i>to feel</i>
morir	<i>to die</i>		servir	<i>to serve</i>
pedir	<i>to ask, request</i>		sonreír	<i>to smile</i>
preferir	<i>to prefer</i>		vestir	<i>to dress</i>

Future Tense Regular (Will)

hablar		comer		vivir	
hablaré	hablaremos	comeré	comeremos	viviré	viviremos
hablarás	hablaréis *	comerás	comeréis *	vivirás	viviréis*
hablará	hablarán	comerá	comerán	vivirá	vivirán

* vosotros you plural

Future Tense Irregular (Will)

Endings as above with an irregular stem

<u>decir</u>	dir-	<i>to say</i>
<u>hacer</u>	har-	<i>to make, do</i>
<u>poder</u>	podr-	<i>to be able</i>
<u>poner</u>	pondr-	<i>to put, place</i>
<u>querer</u>	querr-	<i>to want, love</i>
<u>saber</u>	sabr-	<i>to know</i>
<u>salir</u>	saldr-	<i>to leave, go out</i>
<u>tener</u>	tendr-	<i>to have</i>
<u>valer</u>	valdr-	<i>to be worth</i>
<u>venir</u>	vendr-	<i>to come</i>

Conditional Regular (Would)

hablar		comer		vivir	
hablaría	hablaríamos	comería	comeríamos	viviría	viviríamos
hablarías	hablaríais *	comerías	comeríais *	vivirías	viviríais*
hablaría	hablarían	comería	comerían	viviría	vivirían

* *vosotros you plural*

Conditional Irregular (Would)

Endings as above with an irregular stem, same as future will.

<u>decir</u>	dir-	<i>to say</i>
<u>hacer</u>	har-	<i>to make, do</i>
<u>poder</u>	podr-	<i>to be able</i>
<u>poner</u>	pondr-	<i>to put, place</i>
<u>querer</u>	querr-	<i>to want, love</i>
<u>saber</u>	sabr-	<i>to know</i>
<u>salir</u>	saldr-	<i>to leave, go out</i>
<u>tener</u>	tendr-	<i>to have</i>
<u>valer</u>	valdr-	<i>to be worth</i>
<u>venir</u>	vendr-	<i>to come</i>

Present Perfect Regular

AR HABLAR	ER COMER	IR VIVIR
He hablado	He comido	He vivido
Has hablado	Has comido	Has vivido
Ha hablado	Ha comido	Ha vivido
Hemos hablado	Hemos comido	Hemos vivido
Habéis hablado*	Habéis comido*	Habéis vivido*
Han hablado	Han comido	Han vivido

* *vosotros you plural*

Present Perfect Irregular

The have part is not irregular only the main verb.

abrir	abierto	<i>opened</i>
cubrir	cubierto	<i>closed, shut</i>
decir	dicho	<i>said, told</i>
describir	descrito	<i>described</i>
descubrir	descubierto	<i>discovered</i>
devolver	devuelto	<i>returned, given back</i>
escribir	escrito	<i>written</i>
hacer	hecho	<i>done, made</i>
morir	muerto	<i>died, dead</i>
poner	puesto	<i>put, placed</i>
romper	roto	<i>broken, torn</i>
ver	visto	<i>seen</i>
volver	vuelto	<i>returned</i>

Imperfect Regular

hablar		comer		vivir	
habla ba	hablá bamos	comía	comía mos	vivía	vivía mos
habla bas	habla bais *	comías	comía is	vivías	vivía is*
habla ba	habla ban	comía	comía n	vivía	vivía n

* *vosotros you plural*

Imperfect Irregular

There are only 3 irregular imperfect verbs.

ser			ir			ver	
era	éramos		iba	íbamos		veía	veíamos
eras	erais		ibas	ibais		veías	veíais
era	eran		iba	iban		veía	veían

* *vosotros* you plural

Present Continuous (I'm doing)

The verb forms below are added to the verb to be estar, e.g. *estoy hablando*.

AR HABLAR	ER COMER	IR VIVIR
hablando	comiendo	viviendo

Present Continuous Irregulars

yendo

creer	creyendo
leer	leyendo
ir	yendo
destruir	destruyendo
incluir	incluyendo
oír	oyendo
traer	trayendo
caer	cayendo

Stem changes from o to u

morir	muriendo
dormir	durmiendo

Stem changes from e to i

pedir	pidiendo
seguir	siguiendo
conseguir	consiguiendo
repetir	repitiendo
servir	sirviendo
sentir	sintiendo
preferir	prefiriendo
venir	viniendo
decir	diciendo

Infinitive verbs

AR	ER	IR
<i>alquilar – to rent</i>	<i>aprender – to learn</i>	<i>abrir – to open</i>
<i>entrar – to enter</i>	<i>creer – to believe</i>	<i>descubrir – to discover</i>
<i>necesitar – to need</i>	<i>beber – to drink</i>	<i>permitir – to permit</i>
<i>amar – to love</i>	<i>prometer – to promise</i>	<i>admitir – to admit</i>
<i>enviar – to send</i>	<i>comer – to eat</i>	<i>discutir – to discuss</i>
<i>olvidar – to forget</i>	<i>esconder – to hide</i>	<i>recibir – to receive</i>
<i>andar – to walk</i>	<i>romper – to break</i>	<i>asistir a – to attend</i>
<i>escuchar – to listen to</i>	<i>comprender – to understand</i>	<i>escribir – to write</i>
<i>pagar – to pay for</i>	<i>leer – to read</i>	<i>cubrir – to cover</i>
<i>ayudar – to help</i>	<i>temer – to fear</i>	<i>existir – to exist</i>
<i>esperar – to hope</i>	<i>correr – to run</i>	<i>sufrir – to suffer</i>
<i>practicar – to practice</i>	<i>vender – to sell</i>	<i>decidir – to decide</i>
<i>bailar – to dance</i>		<i>omitir – to omit</i>
<i>estudiar – to study</i>		<i>unir – to unite</i>
<i>preguntar – to ask</i>		<i>describir – to describe</i>
<i>buscar – to look for</i>		<i>partir – to divide</i>
<i>firmar – to sign</i>		<i>vivir – to live</i>
<i>preparar – to prepare</i>		
<i>caminar – to walk</i>		
<i>ganar – to win, earn</i>		
<i>regresar – to return</i>		
<i>cantar – to sing</i>		
<i>gastar – to spend money</i>		
<i>saludar – to greet</i>		
<i>cocinar – to cook</i>		
<i>hablar – to speak, to talk</i>		
<i>tocar – to touch</i>		
<i>comprar – to buy</i>		
<i>lavar – to wash</i>		
<i>tomar – to take, to drink</i>		
<i>contestar – to answer</i>		
<i>llegar – to arrive</i>		
<i>trabajar – to work</i>		
<i>dejar – to allow, to leave</i>		
<i>llevar – to wear, to carry</i>		
<i>viajar – to travel</i>		
<i>desear – to desire</i>		
<i>mandar – to order</i>		
<i>visitar – to visit</i>		
<i>enseñar – to teach</i>		
<i>mirar – to look at</i>		