

GUÍA DE ESTUDIO: EL PRESENTE

Antes de empezar...

- Most present tense verb forms have several equivalents in English. For example, the form *hablo* may be translated in numerous ways:

hablo I speak (customary action)
 I am speaking (action in progress)
 I do speak (emphatic form)
 I will speak (near future action)
 do I speak (interrogative form)
 I have been speaking (action started in the past but still in progress)

- The subject pronouns that accompany these verbs are:

	Singular		plural	
	yo	I	nosotros, nosotras	we
	tú	you (familiar)	vosotros, vosotras	you (familiar pl., Spain)
	usted	you (formal)	ustedes	you (formal)
	él	he	ellos	they (masculine or mixed)
	ella	she	ellas	they (feminine)

- The formal second-person forms (**usted** and **ustedes**) take third-person forms of a verb:

Ustedes hablan bien. You (plural) speak very well.
 Usted es norteamericana, ¿no? You (sing.) are an American, right?

EL PRESENTE DE VERBOS REGULARES					
To form the present indicative of regular verbs, drop the infinitive ending (-ar, -er, or -ir) and add the following endings:					
-AR		-ER		-IR	
o	amos	o	emos	o	imos
as	áis	es	éis	es	ís
a	an	e	en	e	en
BAILAR		COMER		VIVIR	
OTROS VERBOS: dibujar, descansar, estudiar, hablar, mirar, escuchar, practicar, necesitar, enseñar, cambiar, preguntar, contestar, ayudar, trabajar, usar, tratar, comunicar, recitar, tocar, comprar, gastar, conversar, tomar, visitar, cantar		OTROS VERBOS: toser, proteger, beber, correr, aprender, prometer, meter, leer, comprender, poseer, romper, comprender, deber, depender		OTROS VERBOS: asistir, vivir, escribir, existir, discutir, dividir, subir, abrir, subir, cubrir, recibir, compartir	

<i>ir</i>		<i>ser</i>		<i>dar</i>		Los verbos irregulares	
<i>ver</i>		<i>estar</i>		<i>caber</i>		<i>saber</i>	

LOS VERBOS GO					
The following verbs with an irregular first person singular (yo) form with GO.					
TENER*		HACER		PONER	
SALIR		TRAER		OTROS VERBOS	
				caer (<i>caigo</i>), decir* (<i>digo</i>), oír (<i>oigo</i>), seguir (<i>sigo</i>), valer (<i>valgo</i>), venir* (<i>vengo</i>)	
				*These are also stem changing verbs	

STEM CHANGING VERBS					
In the present tense, "Boot Verbs" change in every form except for <i>nosotros</i> and <i>vosotros</i> .					
o-ue					
almorzar		dormir		Otros verbos: acostarse, volver, almorzar, apostar, contar, costar, encontrar, jugar (u-ue), llover, morir, mover, mostrar, oler (huelo), poder, probar, recordar, rogar, sonar, soñar, volar.	
e-i					
pedir		servir		Otros verbos: competir, conseguir, corregir, derretir, despedir, elegir, impedir, medir, reír, repetir, seguir, sonreír, repetir, vestir.	

e-ie			
empezar		querer	

Otros verbos: advertir, atravesar, **calentar**, **cerrar**, **comenzar**, convertir, **defender**, **despertar**, **divertir**, gobernar, herir, **pensar**, **perder**, **sentir**, tropezar.

Los Verbos –CER, -CIR					
Verbs which end in a vowel followed by –cer, or –cir form the first person singular (yo) form with –zco. They are regular in all other forms.					
CONOCER		CRECER		INTRODUCIR	
PARECER		TRADUCIR		OTROS VERBOS:	
				acontecer, agradecer, amanecer, aparecer, conducir , enflaquecerse, enriquecerse, envejecerse, establecer, merece, nacer , obedecer , ofrecer, padecer, permanecer, producir , reducir	

<i>Los verbos -ger, -gir</i>			
Verbs that end in –ger or –gir change from g → j in the first person singular (yo) only.			
<i>proteger</i>		<i>exigir</i>	

Otros verbos: coger, encoger, **escoger**, recoger, afligir, corregir, dirigir, elegir, fingir

Los verbos reflexivos			
Some verbs are always reflexive, but almost any verb can be used as a reflexive verb as long as it indicates that the subject of the sentence both causes and receives the action of the verb. The verb lavar means to wash (something or someone else), the reflexive verb lavarse means to wash oneself. These verbs are conjugated normally in every tense. However, you must include the appropriate reflexive pronoun (me, te, se, nos, os, se)			
dormirse		acostarse	

Otros verbos: bañarse, caerse, cepillarse, desayunarse, despedirse (e>i), despertarse (e>ie), divertirse (e>ie), ducharse, irse, lavarse, levantarse, llamarse, marcharse, peinarse, ponerse, quedarse, quitarse, sentarse (e>ie), vestirse (e>i)

Más notas...