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MAKING THE SIMPLE PRESENT IN SPANISH (ENDINGS)			
	-AR	-ER	-IR
yo	-o	-o	-o
tú	-as	-es	-es
ella, él, usted	-a	-e	-e
nosotras, nosotros	-amos	-emos	-imos
*vosotras, vosotros	-áis	-éis	-ís
ellas, ellos, ustedes	-an	-en	-en

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IMPORTANT:

In order to form the simple present we remove the ending from the infinitive (-ar, -er, or -ir) and add these endings.



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REGULAR VERBS

	-AR (estudiar)	-ER (comer)	-IR (vivir)
yo	estudio	como	vivo
tú	estudias	comes	vives
ella, él, usted	estudia	come	vive
nosotras, nosotros	estudiamos	comemos	vivimos
*vosotras, vosotros	estudiáis	coméis	vivís
ellas, ellos, ustedes	estudian	comen	viven

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VERBS WITH CHANGES IN THE STEM

No vowel change for *nosotras/nosotros* and *vosotras/vosotros*

	e → ie QUERER (to want)	e → i PEDIR (to ask for)	o → ue DORMIR (to sleep)	u → ue JUGAR (to play)
yo	quiero	pido	duermo	juego
tú	quieres	pides	duermes	juegas
ella, él, usted	quiere	pide	duerme	juega
nosotras, nosotros	queremos	pedimos	dormimos	jugamos
*vosotras, vosotros	queréis	pedís	dormís	jugáis
ellas, ellos, ustedes	quieren	piden	duermen	juegan

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- Other verbs like *querer* are: *empezar* (to start), *pensar* (to think), *cerrar* (to close), *entender* (to understand), *perder* (to lose), *mentir* (to lie), and *preferir* (to prefer). For example, the conjugation for *empezar* is: *empiezo*, *empiezas*, *empieza*, *empezamos*, *empezáis*, *empiezan*.
- Other verbs like *pedir* are: *elegir* (to choose), *conseguir* (to obtain), *medir* (to measure), *reír* (to laugh), *repetir* (to repeat), *seguir* (to follow), and *sonreír* (to smile).
- Other verbs like *dormir* are: *comprobar* (to check], *contar* (to tell), *costar* (to cost), *encontrar* (to find), *recordar* (to remember), *volar* (to fly), *oler*** (to smell), *mover* (to move), *volver* (to return), *poder* (to be able to), and *morir* (to die).

**Pay attention to the conjugation of *oler*: *huelo*, *hueles*, *huele*, *olemos*, *oléis*, *huelen*.

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VERBS WITH IRREGULAR YO FORM

	DAR (to give)	ESTAR (to be)	VER (to see)	SABER (to know)
yo	doy	estoy	veo	sé
tú	das	estás	ves	sabes
ella, él, usted	da	está	ve	sabe
nosotras, nosotros	damos	estamos	vemos	sabemos
*vosotras, vosotros	dais	estáis	veis	sabéis
ellas, ellos, ustedes	dan	están	ven	saben

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IMPORTANT:

- All these verbs have an irregular yo form.
- Estar has a stress change to the last syllable: *estoy*, *estás*, *está*, *están*. This means that the last syllable is pronounced more emphatically.



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VERBS WITH IRREGULAR YO FORM			
	PONER (to put)	SALIR (to go out)	DECIR (to say, to tell)
yo	<i>pongo</i>	<i>salgo</i>	<i>digo</i>
tú	<i>pones</i>	<i>sales</i>	<i>dices</i>
ella, él, usted	<i>pone</i>	<i>sale</i>	<i>dice</i>
nosotras, nosotros	<i>ponemos</i>	<i>salimos</i>	<i>decimos</i>
*vosotras, vosotros	<i>ponéis</i>	<i>salís</i>	<i>decís</i>
ellas, ellos, ustedes	<i>ponen</i>	<i>salen</i>	<i>dicen</i>

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IMPORTANT:

- All these verbs have an irregular yo form.
- *Decir* has a stem-change e → i in all forms, except *nosotros/as* and *vosotros/as*.

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VERBS WITH IRREGULAR YO FORM

	VENIR (to come)	TENER (to have)	HACER (to do, to make)	TRAER (to bring)
yo	vengo	tengo	hago	traigo
tú	vienes	tienes	haces	traes
ella, él, usted	viene	tiene	hace	trae
nosotras, nosotros	venimos	tenemos	hacemos	traemos
*vosotras, vosotros	venís	tenéis	hacéis	traéis
ellas, ellos, ustedes	vienen	tienen	hacen	traen

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IMPORTANT:

- All these verbs have an irregular yo form.
- Tener and venir have an irregular yo form and also a stem-change e → ie in the tú, él/ella/usted, and ellos/ellas/ustedes forms.



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IRREGULAR VERBS			
	IR (to go)	SER (to be)	HABER (to have (auxiliary verb))
yo	voy	soy	he
tú	vas	eres	has
ella, él, usted	va	es	ha, hay
nosotras, nosotros	vamos	somos	hemos
*vosotras, vosotros	vais	sois	habéis
ellas, ellos, ustedes	van	son	han

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IMPORTANT:

- For the verb *haber*, the form *hay* is used to express existence and is equivalent to "there is" or "there are" in English:
Hay un lápiz en la mesa. (There is a pencil on the table.)
Hay unos perros en el jardín. (There are some dogs in the garden.)

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VERBS WITH SPELLING CHANGES IN THE SIMPLE PRESENT					
	c → z EJERCER (to practice)	g → j DIRIGIR (to direct)	gu → g DISTINGUIR (to distinguish)	i → y CONCLUIR (to conclude)	c → zc CONOCER (to know)
yo	ejerzo	dirijo	distingo	concluyo	conozco
tú	ejerces	diriges	distingues	concluyes	conoces
ella, él, usted	ejerce	dirige	distingue	concluye	conoce
nosotras, nosotros	ejercemos	dirigimos	distinguimos	concluimos	conocemos
*vosotras, vosotros	ejercéis	dirígis	distingúis	concluís	conocéis
ellas, ellos, ustedes	ejercen	dirigen	distinguen	concluyen	conocen

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IMPORTANT:

- Other verbs that change c → z are: *convencer* (to convince), *vencer* (to beat), and *esparcir* (to spread).
- Other verbs that change g → j are: *escoger* (to choose) and *proteger* (to protect).
- Other verbs that change gu → g are: *seguir* (to follow) and *conseguir* (to obtain).
- Other verbs that change i → y are: *construir* (to build), *incluir* (to include), *distribuir* (to distribute), *contribuir* (to contribute), and *oír*** (to hear).
**Pay attention to the conjugation of *oír*: *oigo*, *oyes*, *oye*, *oímos*, *oís*, *oyen*.
- Other verbs that change c → zc are: *conducir* (to drive), *parecer* (to seem), *agradecer* (to show gratitude), *aparecer* (to appear), *obedecer* (to obey), *ofrecer* (to offer), and *reconocer* (to recognize).



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CONJUGATIONS FOR VOS - REGULAR VERBS			
	-AR (estudiar)	-ER (comer)	-IR (vivir)
vos	estudiás	comés	vivís

IMPORTANT:

- Note that the stress changes to the last syllable (**estudiás, comés, vivís**) compared to the conjugations for tú (**estudias, comes, vives**).
- There are no stem changes for the conjugation for vos.

CONJUGATIONS FOR VOS - MOST COMMON IRREGULAR VERBS							
	SER (to be)	IR (to go)	ESTAR (to be)	DAR (to give)	HABER (to have (auxiliary verb))	VER (to see, to watch)	TENER (to have)
vos	sos	vas	estás	das	has	ves	tenés

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