

Verb Conjugation

Introduction & AR Verbs

Infinitive:

- Is the basic form of the verb
- Verb infinitives don't show who or what is doing the action
- All Spanish infinitives end in either *-ar, -er, -ir*
- All English infinitives start with the word "to"

Examples:

hablar	- to speak
comer	- to eat
vivir	- to live



Conjugate:

- Changing the verb infinitive to show who or what is doing the action (by combining the verb with a subject or subject pronoun)

The process for conjugating verbs in Spanish is as shown in the verb "hablar" as follows:

hablar - to speak, to talk

1. Drop the *-ar* from the infinitive, hablar
2. Add the appropriate verb endings. For *-ar* verbs, these are:

-o	-amos
-as	-áis
-a	-an

In the verb conjugation below, note that *él, ella* and *Ud.* have the same verb conjugation, as do *ellos, ellas* and *Uds.*

The full verb conjugation is as follows:

yo	hablo	(I speak)	nosotros/as	hablamos	(we speak)
tú	hablas	(you speak)	vosotros/as	habláis	(you speak)
él	habla	(he speaks)	ellos	hablan	(they speak - m.)
ella		(she speaks)	ellas		(they speak - f.)
Ud.		(you speak)	Uds.		(you speak)

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-ER & -IR Verbs



comer - to eat:

1. Drop the -er from the infinitive, comer
2. Add the appropriate verb endings. For -er verbs, these are:

-o	-emos
-es	-éis
-e	-en

In the verb conjugation below, note that él, ella and Ud. have the same verb conjugation, as do ellos, ellas and Uds.

The full verb conjugation is as follows:

yo	como	(I eat)	nosotros/as	comemos	(we eat)
tú	comes	(you eat)	vosotros/as	coméis	(you eat)
él	come	(he eats)	ellos	comen	(they eat - m.)
ella		(she eats)	ellas		(they eat - f.)
Ud.		(you eat)	Uds.		(you eat)

vivir - to live

1. Drop the -ir from the infinitive, vivir
2. Add the appropriate verb endings. For -ir verbs, these are:

-o	-imos
-es	-ís
-e	-en

In the verb conjugation below, note that él, ella and Ud. have the same verb conjugation, as do ellos, ellas and Uds.

The full verb conjugation is as follows:

yo	vivo	(I live)	nosotros/as	vivimos	(we live)
tú	vives	(you live)	vosotros/as	vivís	(you live)
él	vive	(he lives)	ellos	viven	(they live - m.)
ella		(she lives)	ellas		(they live - f.)
Ud.		(you live)	Uds.		(you live)