**REGULAR VERBS**

**Notes #1**

**Notes:**

1. The written lesson is below.
2. Links to quizzes, tests, etc. are to the left.

All Spanish verbs are either “regular” or “irregular.” In this lesson we will look at three completely regular verbs:

***hablar****(to speak)****comer****(to eat)****vivir****(to live)*

Notice the last two letters of each verb.

*habl****ar****(to speak)  
com****er****(to eat)  
viv****ir****(to live)*

There are three categories of verbs:

*-ar verbs (like hablar)  
-er verbs (like comer)  
-ir verbs (like vivir)*

All three categories are infinitives. You will recall from a previous lesson that infinitives are the base form of the verb, equivalent in English to: to speak, to eat, to live, etc. In Spanish, all infinitives end in -ar, -er, or -ir.

***-ar verb*** *hablar (to speak)*

***-er verb*** *comer (to eat)*

***-ir verb*** *vivir (to live)*

Remember what it means to conjugate a verb:

***to speak***

*I speak  
you speak  
he speaks  
she speaks  
we speak  
you-all speak  
they speak*

In this lesson, you will learn to conjugate our model verbs for I, you (formal), we, and you-all (formal).

**hablar – to speak**

**yo hablo**

I speak

**usted habla**

you speak

**nosotros/as hablamos**

we speak

**ustedes hablan**

you-all speak

**comer – to eat**

**yo como**

I eat

**usted come**

you eat

**nosotros/as comemos**

we eat

**ustedes comen**

you-all eat

**vivir – to live**

**yo vivo**

I live

**usted vive**

you live

**nosotros/as vivimos**

we live

**ustedes viven**

you-all live

Look for a pattern in the yo form.

***yo hablo  
yo como  
yo vivo***

If the subject is I (yo), conjugate by dropping the ending and add -o.

*yo hablo****(hablar – ar + o = hablo)*** *yo como****(comer – er + o = como)*** *yo vivo****(vivir – ir + o = vivo)***

Look for a pattern in the usted form.

***usted habla  
usted come  
usted vive***

If the subject is you formal (usted) drop the ending and add either -a or -e. If the verb is an -ar verb, add -a. If it is an -er or -ir verb, add -e.

*usted habla****(hablar – ar + a = habla)*** *usted come****(comer – er + e = come)*** *usted vive****(vivir – ir + e = vive)***

Look for a pattern in the nosotros/as form.

***nosotros/as hablamos  
nosotros/as comemos  
nosotros/as vivimos***

If the subject is we (nosotros/as), conjugate by dropping the ending and add -amos, -emos, or -imos.

Notice that the ending of the infinitive determines which is used: -ar verbs add -amos, -er verbs add -emos, -ir verbs add -imos.

*nosotros/as hablamos****(hablar – ar + amos = hablamos)***

*nosotros/as comemos****(comer – er + emos = comemos)***

*nosotros/as vivimos****(vivir – ir + imos = vivimos)***

Look for a pattern in the ustedes form.

***ustedes hablan  
ustedes comen  
ustedes viven***

If the subject is you-all (ustedes), conjugate by dropping the ending and add -an or -en. If the verb is an -ar verb, add -an. If it is an -er or an -ir verb, add -en.

*ustedes hablan****(hablar – ar + an = hablan)***

*ustedes comen****(comer – er + en = comen)***

*ustedes viven****(vivir – ir + en = viven)***

Present tense (indicative) in Spanish means three things.

1. **Yo hablo inglés:**

I speak English.  
I do speak English.  
I am speaking English.

1. **Yo como pan:**

I eat bread.  
I do eat bread.  
I am eating bread.

1. **Yo vivo en Buenos Aires:**

I live in Buenos Aires.  
I do live in Buenos Aires.  
I am living in Buenos Aires.

It is vital that you continue with your collection of verb flashcards. This will be your key to success in mastering the Spanish verbs. Continue by creating 4 additional cards, writing the words in **bold** on one side and the conjugations on the other side:

**VERB FLASHCARDS**[**COMPLETE LIST**](https://studyspanish.com/lessons/verb-flashcards.htm)

***Present Indicative***

*I speak  
I do speak  
I am speaking*

***hablar (to speak)***

*hablo  
habla  
hablamos  
hablan*

***comer (to eat)***

*como  
come  
comemos  
comen*

***vivir (to live)***

*vivo  
vive  
vivimos  
viven*