

Regular PRESENT TENSE VERB Conjugations

To *conjugate* a verb means to “personalize” the verb. We don’t say “I to eat” or “We to run” in English, so we can’t say “Yo comer” or “Nosotros correr” in Spanish---we need to conjugate the verb to make it make sense! “I eat/Yo hablo...She runs/Ella corre,” etc.

How do I conjugate a verb in the present tense?

- Take the infinitive form of any verb (correr, escuchar, vivir, etc.)
- Chop off the –AR or –ER or –IR of the verb so you’re left with just the stem (**corr-**, **escuch-**, **viv-**, etc.)
- attach the following endings according to the subject of the sentence (for example yo, tú, Juan, nosotros, Sara y Marisa, etc.)
- CAREFUL! Make sure you know the original infinitive when you start conjugating. Be sure you know if the infinitive originally ended –AR, –ER, or –IR so you can attach the proper verb ending (i.e. if the infinitive is “VIVIR” and the subject is “nosotros,” the resulting conjugation would be “vivimos” not “vivamos”!!)

HABLAR: to talk		COMER: to eat		SUBIR: to climb, go up	
-o	-amos	-o	-emos	-o	-imos
-as	-áis	-es	-éis	-es	-ís
-a	-an	-e	-en	-e	-en

Ejemplos:

- **Yo** hablo frances.
- **Marta (ella)** come pizza.
- **Tú** escribes poemas.
- **Nosotros** subimos a la lancha (literally We “go up” into the boat---or better said, “We get on” the boat).
- **Ellos** corren mucho.

As a reminder, here are the **SUBJECT PRONOUNS** en español. As it sounds, subject pronouns function as (or replace) the SUBJECT en español:

Yo: I

Tú: you (informal)

Ud./él/ella: you (formal),
he,she

nosotros: we

vosotros: y’all

ellos/ellas/uds.: they (boys, mixed), girls, all of you