

Differences Between **Conocer** and **Saber**

“**Conocer**” means to know; be familiar or acquainted with.

It is a regular –er verb in all forms except the first person singular (“yo” form). Yo **conozco**

1. is used when we have had some experience of the thing or person known. For example: is possible to know a movie, a book, a person.

Ustedes conocen a mi novia.	<i>You know my fiancée.</i>
¿Conoces Los Angeles?	<i>Do you know Los Angeles?</i>
No conozco ese libro.	<i>I am not familiar with that book.</i>

Conozco la película “Batman”.	<i>I know the movie “Batman”</i>
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Elsa conoce bien la ciudad.	<i>Elsa knows the city well.</i>
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2. the use of the personal a is mandatory when the direct is a person:

¿Conoces a Fernando?	<i>Do you know Fernando?</i>
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No, pero conozco a su prima.	<i>No, but I know his cousin.</i>
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Saber (to know facts or to know how to do something):

It is a regular –er verb in all forms except the first person singular (“yo” form). Yo **Salgo**

1. It is used to speak about learned abilities. For example: to swim, to speak a language, to draw, to drive, etc.

¿Sabes hablar español?	<i>Do you know how to speak Spanish?</i>
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¿Sabes nadar?	<i>Do you know how to swim?</i>
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2. It is also used to speak of the knowledge somebody has of an information:

Sabes que pasó hoy?	<i>Do you know what happened today?</i>
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