Tema: Present tense conjugation of regular verbs in Spanish that end in –er and –ir

-er verbs

Verbs that end in -er

-ir verbs

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Pregunta: How do we conjugate the verbs that end in –er and –ir in the present tense?

To conjugate a verb in the present tense, you replace the –er ending with the following endings:

Yo	-o	Nosotros	-emos
Tú	-es		
Él		Ellos	
Ella	-e	Ellas	-en
Usted		Ustedes	

EXAMPLE: **Comer** – to eat

Yo com**o**   Nosotros com**emos**

Tú com**es**

Él
Ella com**e**   Ellos
Usted   Ellas com**en**
                             Ustedes

To conjugate a verb in the present tense, you replace the –ir ending with the following endings:

Yo	-o	Nosotros	-imos
Tú	-es		
Él		Ellos	
Ella	-e	Ellas	-en
Usted		Ustedes	

EXAMPLE: **Vivir** – to live

Yo viv**o**   Nosotros viv**imos**

Tú viv**es**

Él
Ella viv**e**   Ellos
Usted   Ellas viv**en**
                             Ustedes

1. **Verbs in Spanish end in either –ar, –er, or –ir.**

2. **The infinitive form of a verb is the verb with the –ar, –er, or –ir ending.**

   Examples: Hablar (to speak), Bailar (to dance)
   Comer (to eat), Beber (to drink)
   Dormir (to sleep), Vivir (to live)

3. **When you conjugate a verb, you change the infinitive verb according to the subject.**

   Infinitive form ⟶ **Conjugated form**

   Example: Beber – to drink ⟶
   (Infinitive form)

Yo bebo	Nosotros bebemos
Tú bebes	
Él bebe	Ellos beben
Ella bebe	Ellas beben
Usted bebe	Ustedes beben

4. **A verb has two parts - the stem and the ending.**

   Example: **HABLAR**   **BEBER**   **VIVIR**
   (Stem) (Ending)   (Stem) (Ending)   (Stem) (Ending)

5. **To make a sentence negative, add 'no' in front of the conjugated verb.**

   Examples: Yo no bebo la gaseosa. (I don't drink soda.)
   Nosotros no comprendemos la tarea. (We don't understand the homework.)

6. **To form a question, insert the question marks and place the subject after the conjugated verbs or at the end of the question.**

   Examples: ¿Comes tú la pizza? / ¿Comes la pizza tú? (Do you eat pizza?)
   ¿Vive él en Plainview? / ¿Vive en Plainview él? (Does he live in Plainview?)
   ¿Corre Luis? (Does Luis run?)
   ¿Corre Luis bien? / ¿Corre bien Luis? (Does Luis run well?)