

Conjugation Cheatsheet

1. Present tense

All Spanish verbs end with either -ar, -er or -ir. For conjugations, verbs are categorized into -ar, -er, or -ir verbs, each following a different conjugation rule. **Estudiar** (To study) is an **-ar verb** since it ends with -ar, **Comer** (To eat) is an **-er verb** and **Vivir** is an **-ir verb**.

Present tense conjugations are pretty simple. You take away the last 2 letters (-ar, -er, -ir) and replace them with the following conjugation rules highlighted in orange.

*Please note that these are general rules and do not cover irregular verbs.

Present tense	Verbs ending with -ar		Verbs ending with -er		Verbs ending with -ir	
Example ->	Estudiar - To Study		Comer - To Eat		Vivir - To Live	
Yo	Estudio	o	Como	o	Vivo	o
Tú	Estudias	as	Comes	es	Vives	es
Él/Ella/Usted	Estudia	a	Come	e	Vive	e
Nosotros	Estudiamos	amos	Comemos	emos	Vivimos	imos
Vosotros	Estudiáis	áis	Coméis	éis	Vivís	ís
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estudian	an	Comen	en	Viven	en

2. Preterit Past tense

For Preterit Past tense, you take away the last 2 letters (-ar, -er, -ir) and replace them with the following general rules highlighted in orange.

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Preterit Past tense	Verbs ending with -ar		Verbs ending with -er		Verbs ending with -ir	
Example ->	Estudiar - To Study		Comer - To Eat		Vivir - To Live	
Yo	Estudié	é	Comí	í	Viví	í
Tú	Estudiaste	as	Comiste	iste	Viviste	iste
Él/Ella/Usted	Estudió	ó	Comió	ió	Vivió	ió
Nosotros	Estudiamos	amos	Comimos	imos	Vivimos	imos
Vosotros	Estudiasteis	asteis	Comisteis	isteis	Vivisteis	isteis
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estudiaron	aron	Comieron	ieron	Vivieron	ieron

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3. Imperfect Past tense

For Imperfect Past tense, you take away the last 2 letters (-ar, -er, -ir) and replace them with the following general rules highlighted in orange.

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Imperfect Past tense	Verbs ending with -ar		Verbs ending with -er		Verbs ending with -ir	
Example ->	Estudiar - To Study		Comer - To Eat		Vivir - To Live	
Yo	Estudiaba	aba	Comía	ía	Vivía	ía
Tú	Estudiabas	abas	Comías	ías	Vivías	ías
Él/Ella/Usted	Estudiaba	aba	Comía	ía	Vivía	ía
Nosotros	Estudiábamos	ábamos	Comíamos	íamos	Vivíamos	íamos
Vosotros	Estudiabais	abais	Comíais	íais	Vivíais	íais
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estudiaban	aban	Comían	ían	Vivían	ían

4. Conditional tense

The Conditional tense is slightly different. To conjugate, you keep the infinitive form of the verb and add the following rules highlighted in orange to the back of the verb. The rules are the same for -ar, -er and -ir verbs.

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Conditional tense	Verbs ending with -ar		Verbs ending with -er		Verbs ending with -ir	
Example ->	Estudiar - To Study		Comer - To Eat		Vivir - To Live	
Yo	Estudiaría	ía	Comería	ía	Viviría	ía
Tú	Estudiarías	ías	Comerías	ías	Vivirías	ías
Él/Ella/Usted	Estudiaría	ía	Comería	ía	Viviría	ía
Nosotros	Estudiaríamos	íamos	Comeríamos	íamos	Viviríamos	íamos
Vosotros	Estudiaríais	íais	Comeríais	íais	Viviríais	íais
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estudiarían	ían	Comerían	ían	Vivirían	ían

5. Future tense

The Future tense is similar to the Conditional tense. To conjugate, you keep the infinitive form of the verb and add the following rules highlighted in orange to the back of the verb. The rules are the same for -ar, -er and -ir verbs.

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Future tense	Verbs ending with -ar		Verbs ending with -er		Verbs ending with -ir	
Example ->	Estudiar - To Study		Comer - To Eat		Vivir - To Live	
Yo	Estudiaré	é	Comeré	é	Viviré	é
Tú	Estudiarás	ás	Comerás	ás	Vivirás	ás
Él/Ella/Usted	Estudiará	á	Comerá	á	Vivirá	á
Nosotros	Estudiaremos	emos	Comeremos	emos	Viviremos	emos
Vosotros	Estudiareís	éis	Comereís	éis	Vivireís	éis
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estudiarán	án	Comerán	án	Vivirán	án

6. Present Subjunctive tense

For Present Subjunctive tense, you conjugate the verbs as per the Present tense, except that you change the rules around. An -ar verb in present subjunctive conjugates following the -er and -ir rules in present tense, while the -er and -ir verbs in present subjunctive conjugates following the -ar rule in present tense.

You take away the last 2 letters (-ar, -er, -ir) and replace them with the following general rules highlighted in orange.

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Present Subjunctive tense	Verbs ending with -ar		Verbs ending with -er		Verbs ending with -ir	
Example ->	Estudiar - To Study		Comer - To Eat		Vivir - To Live	
Yo	Estudie	e	Coma	a	Viva	a
Tú	Estudies	es	Comas	as	Vivas	as
Él/Ella/Usted	Estudie	e	Coma	a	Viva	a
Nosotros	Estudiemos	emos	Comamos	amos	Vivamos	amos
Vosotros	Estudiéis	éis	Comáis	áis	Vidáis	áis
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estudien	en	Coman	an	Vivan	an

7. Imperfect Subjunctive tense

For Imperfect Subjunctive tense, you conjugate the verbs using the 3rd person plural of the Preterit Past tense. For example, the verb Estudiar. In the preterit past tense of the 3rd person plural (ellos/ellas/ustedes), the conjugation is **estudiaron**. Using estudiaron as a base, you take away the last 3 letters **-ron** and replace it with (**-ra, -ras, -ra, -'ramos, -rais, -ran**). The rules are the same for -ar, -er and -ir verbs.

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Imperfect Subjunctive tense	Verbs ending with -ar		Verbs ending with -er		Verbs ending with -ir	
Example ->	Estudiar - To Study		Comer - To Eat		Vivir - To Live	
Yo	Estudiara	ra	Comiera	ra	Viviera	ra
Tú	Estudiaras	ras	Comieras	ras	Vivieras	ras
Él/Ella/Usted	Estudiara	ra	Comiera	ra	Viviera	era
Nosotros	Estudiáramos	'ramos	Comiéramos	'ramos	Viviéramos	'ramos
Vosotros	Estudiarais	rais	Comierais	rais	Vivierais	rais
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estudiaran	ran	Comieran	ran	Vivieran	ran