

Appendix A Verb Conjugations

Appendix A contains rules for verb conjugations in all tenses and moods. Since you may already be familiar with much of the information in this appendix, you should read through the explanations and focus on what is new to you or what you feel you may need to review in more detail. Highlighting portions of the explanations might help you study more efficiently. There is a verb conjugation tool on the *Fuentes* website and there are also verb conjugation sites on the Internet.

- ▶ While studying these rules, remember that most compound verbs are conjugated like the base verb they contain: *conseguir*, *obtener*, *resolver*, etc.
- ▶ Reflexive verbs can be used in all tenses and moods. To review placement of reflexive pronouns and other object pronouns, see pages 378–380.

- ▶ To review accentuation rules, see page 382.
- ▶ When conjugating verbs in Spanish, remember the following spelling conventions:

verbs ending in -car	ca	que	qui	co	cu
verbs ending in -gar or -guir	ga	gue	gui	go	gu
verbs ending in -ger or -gir	ja	ge	gi	jo	ju
verbs ending in -zar	za	ce	ci	zo	zu

The Present Indicative Tense—*El presente del indicativo*

A. Regular Forms

1. To form the present indicative of regular verbs, drop the **-ar**, **-er**, or **-ir** ending of the infinitive and add the appropriate endings to the stem.

dibujar		correr		vivir	
dibujo	dibujamos	corro	corremos	vivo	vivimos
dibujas	dibujáis	corres	corréis	vives	vivís
dibuja	dibujan	corre	corren	vive	viven

2. Certain verbs are regular but need spelling changes in the **yo** form. Remember these spelling conventions to help you.

Verbs ending in **-guir**: **ga gue gui go gu**
extinguir: **extingo**, **extingues**, **extingue**, etc.

Verbs ending in **-ger** and **-gir**: **ja ge gi jo ju**
dirigir: **dirijo**, **diriges**, **dirige**, etc.
escoger: **escojo**, **escoges**, **escoge**, etc.

Other common verbs of this type are: **exigir**, **recoger**.

B. Irregular Forms

- The following verbs have irregular **yo** forms. All other forms are regular.

caber → quepo	hacer → hago	salir → salgo	valer → valgo
caer → caigo	poner → pongo	traer → traigo	ver → veo
dar → doy	saber → sé		

Most verbs that end in **-cer** and **-ucir** have irregular **yo** forms.

conocer: conozco, conoces, conoce, etc.
traducir: traduzco, traduces, traduce, etc.

Other common verbs of this type are: **establecer**, **producir**.

- Verbs that end in **-uir** have the following irregular conjugation.

construir: construyo construyes construye construimos construís construyen

Other common verbs of this type are: **distribuir**, **contribuir**, **reconstruir**.

- Verbs ending in **-uar** (but not **-guar**) and some verbs ending in **-iar** require an accent to break the diphthong.

confiar: confío confías confía confiamos confiáis confían
continuar: continúo continúas continúa continuamos continuáis continúan

Other common verbs of this type are: **criar**, **enviar**.

But:

averiguar: averiguo, averiguas, etc.

- The following verbs require an accent on certain verb forms to break the diphthong.

reunir: reúno reúnes reúne reunimos reunís reúnen
prohibir: prohíbo prohibes prohíbe prohibimos prohibís prohíben

- The following verbs have irregular forms in the present.

estar:	estoy	estás	está	estamos	estáis	están
haber:	he	has	ha	hemos	habéis	han
ir:	voy	vas	va	vamos	vais	van
oir:	oigo	oyes	oye	oímos	oís	oyen
oler:	huelo	huelas	huele	olemos	oléis	huelen
ser:	soy	eres	es	somos	sois	son

Note: *There is/are* = **hay**.

C. Stem-Changing Verbs

Stem-changing verbs have a change in spelling and pronunciation in the stem in all forms except the **nosotros** and **vosotros** forms, which retain the vowel of the infinitive. The change occurs in the *stressed* syllable of the conjugated verb, which is also the last syllable of the stem. There are four categories: **e → ie**, **o → ue**, **e → i**, and **u → ue**. All stem-changing verbs are noted in vocabulary lists and in dictionaries by indicating the change in parentheses: **volver (ue)**.

entender (e → ie)		probar (o → ue)	
entiendo	entendemos	pruebo	probamos
entiendes	entendéis	pruebas	probáis
entiende	entienden	prueba	prueban

pedir (e → i)		jugar (u → ue)	
pido	pedimos	juego	jugamos
pides	pedís	juegas	jugáis
pide	piden	juega	juegan

Note that **reírse** has an accent on the **i** of all forms to break the diphthong: **me río, te ríes, se ríe, nos reímos, os reís, se ríen**.

Some common stem-changing verbs are:

e → ie	o → ue	e → i
cerrar	almorzar	decir*
comenzar (a + infinitive)	costar	elegir** (a + person)
empezar (a + infinitive)	devolver	pedir
entender	dormir	repetir
mentir	encontrar (a + person)	seguir** (a + person)
pensar en	morir(se)	servir
pensar + infinitive	poder	
perder (a + person)	probar	
preferir	soler + infinitive	
querer (+ infinitive); (a + person)	volver	u → ue
tener*	volver a + infinitive	jugar (al + ...)
venir*		

*Verbs that have irregular **yo** forms:

decir (e → i) → **digo** tener (e → ie) → **tengo** venir (e → ie) → **vengo**

Verbs that have a spelling change in the **yo forms:

elegir (e → i) → **elijo** seguir (e → i) → **sigio**