

PRESENT TENSE OF REGULAR VERBS

All infinitive (unconjugated) verb forms in Spanish have one of the following endings: **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir**. Many verbs are **regular** verbs, which are always conjugated into the present tense by

1. Dropping the -ar, -er, or -ir ending from the infinitive verb form;
2. Adding the indicated ending to the remaining stem word.

A. Reg. -ar verbs

	<u>reg. -ar endings</u>	<u>hablar (to speak)</u>	<u>tomar (to take)</u>
yo	-o	hablo	tomo
tú	-as	hablas	tomas
usted	-a	habla	toma
él, ella			
nosotros	-amos	hablamos	tomamos
ustedes	-an	hablan	toman
ellos, ellas			

Some other regular -ar verbs are **llamar** (to call) and **trabajar** (to work).

B. Regular -er and -ir verbs

Regular -er and -ir verbs are conjugated exactly the same except for the *nosotros* form (-emos for -er verbs and -imos for -ir verbs).

	<u>reg. -er endings</u>	<u>comer (to eat)</u>	<u>beber (to drink)</u>
yo	-o	como	bebo
tú	-es	comes	bebes
usted	-e	come	bebe
él, ella			
nosotros	-emos	comemos	bebemos
ustedes	-en	comen	beben
ellos, ellas			

Some other regular -er verbs are **aprender** (to learn) and **vender** (to sell).

	<u>reg. -ir endings</u>	<u>escribir (to write)</u>	<u>vivir (to live)</u>
yo	-o	escribo	vivo
tú	-es	escribes	vives
usted	-e	escribe	vive
él, ella			
nosotros	-imos	escribimos	vivimos
ustedes	-en	escriben	viven
ellos, ellas			

Some other regular -ir verbs are **recibir** (to receive) and **abrir** (to open).