The Present Tense of Regular Verbs

	Habl*ar*	Beb*er*	Viv*ir*
Yo	habl*o*	beb*o*	viv*o*
Tú	habl*as*	beb*es*	viv*es*
Ud./él/ella	habl*a*	beb*e*	viv*e*
nosotr-os/as	habl*amos*	beb*emos*	viv*imos*
vosotr-os/as	habl*áis*	beb*éis*	viv*ís*
Uds./e-llos/ellas	habl*an*	beb*en*	viv*en*

Stem-changing Verbs

e --> ie	o --> ue	e --> i
Pensar *to think*	**Poder** *to be able to, can*	**Pedir** *to ask for*
pi**e**nso	p**ue**do	pido
pi**e**nsas	p**ue**des	pides
pi**e**nsa	p**ue**de	pide
pi**e**nsamos	podemos	pedimos
pensáis	podéis	pedís
pi**e**nsan	p**ue**den	piden

The **nosotros/as** and **vosotros/as** forms never have stem changes in the *present tense.*
Other verbs that have stem changes include: **jugar, incluir, construir, destruir, and influir.**
Jugar changes it stem vowel from u to ue
The rest listed add a y to personal endings.

Ser and Estar

Both ser and estar mean **to be** but they are NOT interchangeable!!!
SER is used to express the idea of permanence, such as inherent or unchanging qualities and characteristics.
ESTAR is used to express temporality, including qualities or conditions that change with time.

Ser and Estar Mnemonics

SER	ESTAR
Date	**P**osition
Occupation	**L**ocation
Characteristic	**A**ction
Time	**C**ondition
Origin	**E**motion
Relation	

These two Mnemonics can be used to help determine when to use either Ser or Estar.

Irregular Yo forms

Many **-er** and **-ir** verbs have irregular **yo** forms in the present tense. Verbs ending in **-cer** or **-cir** change to **-zco** in the **yo** form. Verbs ending in **-ger** or **-gir** change to **-jo.**
¡Atención!: some verbs with irregular **yo** forms have stem changes as well!
conseguir (e:i) --> consi**go**
corregir (e:i) --> corri**jo**
elegir (e:i) --> si**go**
torcer (o:ue) --> tuer**zo**

Irregular Yo forms

Ending in *-go*		Ending in *-zco*	
caer *to fall*	yo cai*go*	conducir *to drive*	yo condu*zco*
distinguir *to distin-guish*	yo distin*go*	conocer *to know*	yo cono*zco*
hacer *to do, to make*	yo ha*go*	crecer *to grow*	yo cre*zco*
poner *to put, to place*	yo pon*go*	obedecer *to obey*	yo obede*zco*
salir *to leave, to go out*	yo sal*go*	parecer *to seem*	yo pare*zco*
traer *to bring*	yo trai*go*	Producir *to produce*	yo produ*zco*

Irregular Yo forms (cont)

valer *to be worth*	yo val*go*	traducir *to translate*	yo trad
rehacer *to remake, redo*	yo reha*go*	reconocer *to recognize*	yo recono
deshacer *to undo*	yo desha*go*	aparecer *to appear*	yo apa
componer *to make up*	yo compon*go*	desapa-recer *to disappear*	yo desapa
oponer *to oppose*	yo opon*go*		
proponer *to propose*	yo propon*go*		
suponer *to suppose*	yo supon*go*		
atraer *to attract*	yo atrai*go*		
contraer *to contract*	yo contrai*go*		
distaer *to distact*	yo distrai*go*		

Irregular Yo forms

Ending in **-jo**		Other Verbs	
dirigir *to direct, manage*	yo diri**jo**	caber *to fit*	yo **quepo**
escoger *to choose*	yo esco**jo**	saber *to know*	yo **sé**
exigir *to demand*	yo exi**jo**	ver *to see*	yo **veo**
proteger *to protect*	yo prote**jo**		

Irregular Verbs Note

Other commonly used verbs in Spanish are irregular in the present tense or combine a stem-change with an irregular **yo** form or other spelling change.

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Irregular Verbs (part 1)

dar	decir	estar	ir
to give	*to say*	*to be*	*to go*
doy	digo	estoy	voy
das	dices	estás	vas
da	gice	está	va
damos	decimos	estamos	vamos
dais	decís	estáis	vais
dan	dicen	están	van

Irregular verbs (part 2)

oír	ser	tener	venir
to hear	*to be*	*to have*	*to come*
oigo	soy	tengo	vengo
oyes	eres	tienes	vienes
oye	es	tiene	viene
oímos	somos	tenemos	venimos
oís	sois	tenéis	venís
oyen	son	tienen	vienen

Verbs like gustar

aburrir *to bore*	**hacer falta** *to miss; to need*
caer bien/mal *to (not) get along well with*	**importar** *to be important to; to matter*
disgustar *to upset*	**interesar** *to be interesting to; to interest*
doler *to hurt; to ache*	**molestar** *to bother; to annoy*
encantar *to like very much*	**preocupar** *to worry*
faltar *to lack; to need*	**quedar** *to be left over; to fit (clothing)*
fascinar *to fascinate*	**sorprender** *to surprise*

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