

The Present Tense

- Used to describe events that happen in the present or that happen regularly/usually
- Eg. I play, I go

How to form the present tense

1. Take the infinitive (the verb in its unchanged form, found in the dictionary, in Spanish it ends in either *-ar, -er, -ir*)
2. Remove the *ar/er/ir*
3. Add the appropriate endings

	HABLAR <i>To speak</i>	COMER <i>To eat</i>	VIVIR <i>To live</i>
<i>I (yo)</i>	Hablo	Como	Vivo
<i>You (tu)</i>	Hablas	Comes	Vives
<i>He/she/it (el/ella)</i>	Habla	Come	Vive
<i>We (nosotros)</i>	Hablamos	Comemos	Vivimos
<i>You (vosotros)</i>	Habláis	Coméis	Vivís
<i>They (ellos/ellas)</i>	Hablan	Comen	Viven

- Remember the subject (*yo, tu el, ella...*) is not expressed in Spanish, it is shown only in the verb ending. Eg. *I eat = como*

EXAMPLES

1. I buy _____ (comprar)
2. He buys _____ (comprar)
3. We sing _____ (cantar)
4. I sell _____ (vender)
5. They are selling _____ (vender)
6. I drink _____ (beber)
7. He is drinking _____ (beber)
8. I share _____ (compartir)
9. He covers _____ (cubrir)
10. We are swimming _____ (nadar)