

Spanish Grammar:

Irregular Present Tense Verbs

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Regular Verbs

Remember, there are 3 main types of verb in Spanish:

- ✱ those which end in –ar (eg. hablar)
- ✱ those which end in –er (eg. comer)
- ✱ those which end in –ir (eg. vivir)

Regular verbs: present tense

	- ar verbs	- er verbs	- ir verbs
yo	o	o	o
tú	as	es	es
él / ella / usted	a	e	e
nosotros	amos	emos	imos
vosotros	áis	éis	ís
Ellos/ellas ustedes	an	en	en

* Note: –er and –ir endings are almost identical!

Irregular verbs

Some verbs do not follow these rules exactly:

eg. dar and estar (the yo forms end in y):

doy – I give

estoy – I am

das – you give

estás – you are

da - he/she/

está – he/she/

Vd. gives

Vd. Is

etc.....

etc.....

Irregular verbs

eg. Caer, traer, hacer, poner, salir (the yo forms gains a 'g'):

caigo – I fall

traigo – I take

hago – I do

pongo – I put

salgo - I go

- the remaining parts of these verbs do follow the normal rules for endings.

Irregular verbs

eg. Decir, tener, venir (the yo forms gains a 'g', but they are also stem-changing*):

digo – I say

tengo – I have

vengo – I come

*stem-changing verbs have a change of spelling in the main part of the verb (to be discussed at a later date)

Irregular verbs practice

What do these sentences mean?

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| 1. ¿Vosotros dáis un paseo? | (dar – to give/go) |
| 2. Estás simpático hoy. | (estar – to be) |
| 3. ¿Qué digo yo? | (decir – to say) |
| 4. ¿Tienen Vds. un coche? | (tener – to have) |
| 5. Mi padre viene al colegio. | (venir –to come) |
| 6. ¿Hacemos los deberes? | (hacer – to do) |
| 7. Lo pongo aquí. | (poner – to put) |
| 8. ¿Sales con él? | (salir – to go out with) |

Irregular verbs practice



Use these Infinitives to
put the sentences opposite
into Spanish:

- poner
- hacer
- caer
- estar
- decir
- salir

1. He falls on the floor, drunk.
2. Mum is in the kitchen.
3. They (m.) are going out.
4. Are you (sing. formal)
saying goodbye?
5. She puts the dog in the bath.
6. What are you (pl. formal)
doing?
7. I go (do) skating.
8. We are in an aeroplane.