

➤ What is a tense?

A tense indicates when the action of the verb takes place: present, past, or future.

For example: I speak. I spoke. I will speak.

In this chapter we are going to concentrate in the most common tense: **the present indicative**. It's indicative because it **indicate facts**.

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Ejercicio A

Conjugate the following infinitive verbs in the **YO** form. -ar/-er/-ir verbs-drop the ending (-ar/-er/-ir, add "o".

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| 1. hablar- <u>hablo</u> | 7. leer- _____ |
| 2. cantar- _____ | 8. comprar- _____ |
| 3. vivir- <u>vivo</u> | 9. recibir- _____ |
| 4. estudiar- _____ | 10. subir- _____ |
| 5. mirar- _____ | 11. usar- _____ |
| 6. aprender- _____ | 12. escribir- _____ |

Ejercicio B

Conjugate the following infinitive verbs in the **TÚ** form. -ar/-er verbs, drop the "r", add an "s"//-ir verbs-drop the "ir", add an "es".

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| 1. hablar- <u>hablas</u> | 7. leer- _____ |
| 2. cantar- _____ | 8. comprar- _____ |
| 3. vivir- <u>vives</u> | 9. recibir- _____ |
| 4. estudiar- _____ | 10. subir- _____ |
| 5. mirar- _____ | 11. usar- _____ |
| 6. aprender- _____ | 12. escribir- _____ |

Ejercicio C

Conjugate the following infinitive verbs in the **ÉL. ELLA. USTED** form. ¡OJO! (eye/Watch out!) These three subject pronouns share the same conjugation. -ar/-er verbs-drop the "r"//-ir verbs-drop the "ir" and add an "e".

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| 1. hablar- <u>habla</u> | 7. leer- _____ |
| 2. cantar- _____ | 8. comprar- _____ |
| 3. vivir- <u>vive</u> | 9. recibir- _____ |
| 4. estudiar- _____ | 10. subir- _____ |
| 5. mirar- _____ | 11. usar- _____ |
| 6. aprender- _____ | 12. escribir- _____ |

Ejercicio D

Conjugate the following infinitive verbs in the **NOSOTROS** form. -ar/ -er/ -ir verbs-drop the "r", add "mos".

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| 1. hablar- <u>hablamos</u> | 7. leer- _____ |
| 2. cantar- _____ | 8. comprar- _____ |
| 3. vivir- <u>vivimos</u> | 9. recibir- _____ |
| 4. estudiar- _____ | 10. subir- _____ |
| 5. mirar- _____ | 11. usar- _____ |
| 6. aprender- _____ | 12. escribir- _____ |

Ejercicio E

Conjugate the following infinitive verbs in the **VOSOTROS** form. -ar/-er verbs-drop the "r", add "is" // -ir verbs-drop the "r", add an "s". -ar verbs will need an accent over the "a" // -er verbs will need an accent over the "e" // -ir verbs will need an accent over the "i".

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| 1. hablar- <u>habláis</u> | 7. leer- _____ |
| 2. cantar- _____ | 8. comprar- _____ |
| 3. vivir- <u>vivís</u> | 9. recibir- _____ |
| 4. estudiar- _____ | 10. subir- _____ |
| 5. mirar- _____ | 11. usar- _____ |
| 6. aprender- _____ | 12. escribir- _____ |

Ejercicio F

Conjugate the following infinitive verbs in the **USTEDES. ELLOS** form. **¡OJO!** These two subject pronouns share the same conjugation. -ar/-er verbs-drop the "r", add an "n" // -ir verbs-drop the "ir" and add an "en".

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| 1. hablar- <u>hablan</u> | 7. leer- _____ |
| 2. cantar- _____ | 8. comprar- _____ |
| 3. vivir- <u>viven</u> | 9. recibir- _____ |
| 4. estudiar- _____ | 10. subir- _____ |
| 5. mirar- _____ | 11. usar- _____ |
| 6. aprender- _____ | 12. escribir- _____ |

Note:

More information regarding conjugation of verbs will be provided in following chapters.

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Complete the following sentences by conjugating the verb in parenthesis according to the subject provided. In the translation the conjugated verb is underlined.

1. Ana _____ completar la tarea. (**desear**) Ana wishes to complete the homework.

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| 2. Yo _____ mucho. (estudiar) | I <u>study</u> a lot. |
| 3. Nosotros _____ libros. (comprar) | We <u>buy</u> books. |
| 4. Ella _____ en Cuba. (vivir) | She <u>lives</u> in Cuba. |
| 5. I _____ música. (bajar) | I <u>download</u> music. |
| 6. Ellos _____ música. (escuchar) | They <u>listen</u> to music. |
| 7. Tú _____ mucho. (aprender) | You <u>learn</u> a lot. |
| 8. Usted _____ tacos. (comer) | You <u>eat</u> tacos. |
| 9. Yo _____ aprender. (necesitar) | I <u>need to</u> learn. |
| 10. Vosotros _____ mucho. (caminar) | You all <u>walk</u> a lot. |
| 11. Ellos _____ a tiempo. (llegar) | They <u>arrive</u> on time. |
| 12. Nosotros _____ el taxi. (tomar) | We <u>take</u> the taxi. |
| 13. Vosotros _____ regalos. (recibir) | You all <u>receive</u> gifts. |
| 14. Usted _____ café. ¿no? (beber) | You <u>drink</u> coffee, right? |
| 15. Ellos _____ español. (hablar) | They <u>speak</u> Spanish. |

Note:

In Spanish, languages are written in lower case. Example: inglés (English), español (Spanish), francés (French), etc.

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¡Traductor(a), por favor! Translate the following phrases.

1. she studies- _____
2. we buy- _____
3. they arrive- _____
4. he watches- _____
5. we ask- _____
6. I work- _____
7. they speak- _____
8. they live- _____
9. you all (America) learn- _____
10. you all (Spain) eat- _____
11. she reads- _____
12. we write- _____
13. you (singular/informal) upload- _____
14. they receive- _____