

LESSON 2

THE PRESENT TENSE

Introduction	<p>This lesson presents regular and irregular verbs in the present tense. The student will learn its:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ Meaning✚ Conjugation✚ Uses
Objectives	<p>Upon completion of this lesson, the student will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conjugate regular verbs in the present tense2. Use the present tense3. Conjugate irregular verbs in the present tense4. Use the expression “Ir a+infinitive”5. Conjugate stem-changing verbs in the present tense
Prerequisites	<p>Understand what verbs do and their relationship to a subject Know the subject pronouns in Spanish Know the distinction between “tú” and “usted”</p>
Vocabulary Building	<p>You are encouraged to use a dictionary to expand your vocabulary.</p>
Decision Table	<p>If you think that you are already familiar with the objectives, proceed to Lesson 3 on page 52.</p>

THE PRESENT TENSE

Meaning

The present tense in Spanish is used to:

- refer to an action that is still going on.

Yo hablo con María. (I am speaking/ I speak to Maria)

- to indicate a near future action.

Yo llamo mañana. (I will call tomorrow)

- to refer to an action that occurs frequently.

Ela escribe cartas largas. (She writes long letters.)

PRACTICE ACTIVITY I

Choose the best answer:

1. The present tense refers to:
 - a. an interrupted action
 - b. a continuous action that is still going on.

2. The present tense is frequently used to:
 - a. indicate near future action.
 - b. Indicate a recent action.

Go to page 42 to check your responses.

CONJUGATION OF REGULAR VERBS

Introduction

Regular verbs ending in **-ar**, **-er**, **-ir** have a consistent ending to indicate a present action.

-AR

Ending verbs

AMAR (to love)		
Am-	Yo	amo
	Tú	amas
	Él/Ella/Usted	ama
	Nosotros	amamos
	Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	aman

-ER

Ending Verbs

COMER (to eat)		
Com-	Yo	como
	Tú	comes
	Él/Ella/Usted	come
	Nosotros	comemos
	Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	comen

-IR

Ending Verbs

VIVIR (to live)		
Viv-	Yo	vivo
	Tú	vives
	Él/Ella/Usted	vive
	Nosotros	vivimos
	Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	viven

PRACTICE ACTIVITY II

Fill in the blanks with the present tense of the verb in parenthesis:

1. Yo (caminar)_____
2. Él (leer) _____
3. Nosotros(partir)_____
4. María(escuchar) _____
5. Ellos (correr) _____
6. Usted (alcanzar) _____
7. tú (comer)_____
8. Carlos(escribir) _____
- 9.Ustedes(limpiar) _____
10. Tú y yo (hablar)_____

Translate into Spanish the words in parenthesis:

1. Ella (studies) mucho. _____
2. Juan (speaks) todo el tiempo. _____
3. Ellos (are working) conmigo. _____
4. Tú (prepare) la comida. _____
5. Isabel (travels) a España. _____
6. Nosotros (cook) todod los días. _____
7. Yo (believe) en la libertad. _____
8. Usted (eat) con su familia. _____
9. Jaime (lives) cerca de nosotros. _____
10. Ustedes (love) ese programa. _____

Go to page 43 to check your responses.

IRREGULAR VERBS

Introduction

Verbs who do not follow the regular conjugation pattern can be grouped according to their irregularity.

Tener (to have)

Venir (to come)

Decir (to say)

These verbs share a similar irregular pattern:

Note		Tener	Venir	Decir
add "g" stem* change in decir ("e" to "i")	Yo	tengo	vengo	digo
stem change	Tú	tienes	vienes	dices
stem change	El/Ella/Usted	tiene	viene	dice
regular	Nosotros	tenemos	venimos	decimo s
*stem change	Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	tienen	viene	dicen

*The stem of a verb is the segment that precedes the -ar,-er, -ir endings.

Verbs

Ending in

-cer and -cir

These verbs are only irregular in the first person singular:

Aparecer (to appear)	aparezco
Conocer (to know)	conozco
Conducir (to conduct/to drive)	conduzco
Traducir (to translate)	traduzco

Other verbs
with an irregular
first person

poner (to put)	pongo
hacer (to do/to make)	hago
traer (to bring)	traigo
Salir (to leave)	salgo
Saber (to know)	sé
	The remaining verb forms follow the regular pattern

The following verbs share the same irregularity in the first person. **Dar** is regular in the remaining conjugations while **Ir** is irregular in all conjugations.

ir (to go)
and dar (to give)

	IR	DAR
Yo	voy	doy
Tú	vas	das
Él/Ella/Usted	va	da
Nosotros	vamos	damos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	van	dan

PRACTICE ACTIVITY III

Provide the conjugation for the first person singular present tense:

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. valer_____ | 6. venir_____ |
| 2. saber_____ | 7. hacer_____ |
| 3. tener_____ | 8. aparecer_____ |
| 4. conocer_____ | 9. salir_____ |
| 5. traducir_____ | 10. decir_____ |
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Go to page 44 to check your responses.

IR A+INFINITIVE

Introduction

The expression **ir a+ infinitive** is frequently used to express a future action.

Formation

Comer

Yo	voy a comer
Tú	vas a comer
Él/Ella/Usted	va a comer
Nosotros	vamos a comer
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	van a comer

Example

Voy a comer mañana.
(I will/ am going to eat tomorrow).

Note: In Spanish the subject pronoun does not have to be stated since the conjugation of the verb is unique to each personal pronoun.

PRACTICE ACTIVITY IV

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of ir a + infinitive:

1. Yo _____ comer con ellos mañana.
2. Tú _____ salir de clase temprano.
3. Él _____ estudiar más.
4. La señora Ruiz _____ cocinar esta noche.
5. Ellos _____ repetir la tarea.
6. Usted _____ conocer a Manuel.
7. Nosotros _____ hablar con Luis.
8. Ustedes _____ recoger los libros.
9. Usted y ella _____ escribir la composición.
10. Tú y él _____ leer los exámenes.

Go to page 45 to check your responses.

STEM-CHANGING VERBS “E” TO “IE”

Definition of “stem”

Remember that the **stem of a verb** is the part of the infinitive that precedes the **ar, -er, -ir endings**.

Example: amar

Stem change e to ie

Some verbs change the “e” in their stem to “ie” when that syllable is stressed, except for the **nosotros** form that remains regular.

Conjugation

	Pensar (to think)	Entender (to understand)	Preferir (to prefer)
Yo	pienso	entiendo	prefiero
Tú	piensas	entiendes	prefieres
Él/Ella/Usted	piensa	entiende	prefiere
Nosotros	pensamos	entendemos	preferimos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	piensan	entienden	prefieren

Note: The verb endings are regular. See page 27

Other common stem-changing verbs

cerrar (to close)	cierr-
comenzar (to begin)	comienz-
defender (to defend)	defiend-
empezar (to begin)	empiez-
perder (to lose)	pierd-
sentir (to feel)	sient-

Note: The endings are regular.

PRACTICE ACTIVITY V

I. Write the correct conjugation of the verb according to the subject indicated:

A. yo

1. _____ (cerrar)
2. _____ (preferir)
3. _____ (entender)

D. nosotros

10. _____ (defender)
11. _____ (sentir)
12. _____ (empezar)

B. ellos

4. _____ (perder)
5. _____ (comenzar)
6. _____ (pensar)

E. tú

13. _____ (cerrar)
14. _____ (preferir)
15. _____ (entender)

C. José

7. _____ (cerrar)
8. _____ (perder)
9. _____ (sentir)

II. Match the following columns:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. _____ pierdo | a. he begins |
| 2. _____ sientes | b. we close |
| 3. _____ cerramos | c. I lose |
| 4. _____ empiezo | d. you prefer |
| 5. _____ prefieres | e. you regret |

III. Translate into Spanish the underlined words:

1. I begin _____ the lesson.
2. You (plural) defend _____ your parents.
3. He thinks _____ that he is intelligent.
4. We understand _____ the problem.
5. They are sorry _____ that you are sick.

Go to page 46 to check your responses.

STEM-CHANGING VERBS “O” TO “UE”

Stem Change o to ue

Some verbs change the “o” in their stem to “ue” when that syllable is stressed, except for the **nosotros** form that remains regular.

Conjugation

	Mostrar (to show)	Volver(to return)	Dormir (to sleep)
Yo	m uestro	v uelvo	d uermo
Tú	m uestras	v uelves	d uermes
Él/Ella/Usted	m uestra	v uelve	d uerme
Nosotros	mostramos	volvemos	dormimos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	m uestran	v uelven	d uermen

Note: The **Nosotros** form remains regular. The verb endings are also regular.

Other common stem changing verbs

almorzar (to have lunch)	alm ue rz-
contar (to count)	c ue nt-
costar (to cost)	c ue st-
encontrar (to find)	enc ue nt-
jugar(to play)	j ue g-
morir (to die)	m ue r-
recordar (to remember)	rec ue rd-
volar (to fly)	v uel-
mover (to move)	m ue v-
poder (to be able, can)	p ue d-

PRACTICE ACTIVITY VI

I. Write the correct conjugation of the verb according to the subject indicated:

A. yo

1. _____ (almorzar)

2. _____ (contar)

3. _____ (costar)

D. nosotros

10. _____ (dormir)

11. _____ (encontrar)

12. _____ (jugar)

B. ellos

4. _____ (morir)

5. _____ (mostrar)

6. _____ (recordar)

E. tú

13. _____ (volver)

14. _____ (volar)

15. _____ (mover)

C. José

6. _____ (almorzar)

8. _____ (dormir)

9. _____ (poder)

II. Match the following columns:

1. _____ duerme

2. _____ almuerzo

3. _____ muestras

4. _____ vuelve

5. _____ juegan

a. he returns

b. they play

c. I have lunch

d. he sleeps

e. you show

III. Translate into Spanish the underlined words:

1. I count _____ the money.

2. We meet _____ our friends after school.

3. He can _____ speak Spanish.

4. She remembers _____ those happy times.

5. They move _____ the chairs.

Go to page 47 to check your responses.

STEM CHANGING VERBS “E” TO “I”

Stem Change e to i

Some verbs change the “e” in their stem to “i” when that syllable is stressed, except for the **nosotros** form that remains regular.

Conjugation

	Servir (to serve)
Yo	sirvo
Tú	sirves
Él/Ella/Usted	sirve
Nosotros	servimos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	sirven

Notice: The endings are regular.

Other common e to i stem- changing verbs

pedir (to ask)	pid-
repetir (to repeat)	repit-
vestir (to dress)	vist-

PRACTICE ACTIVITY VII

I. Write the correct conjugation of the verb according to the subject indicated:

A. yo

1. _____ (pedir)
2. _____ (repetir)

D. nosotros

7. _____ (servir)
8. _____ (vestir)

B. ellos

3. _____ (servir)
4. _____ (pedir)

E. tú

9. _____ (repetir)
10. _____ (vestir)

C. José

5. _____ (pedir)
6. _____ (servir)

II. Match the following columns:

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. _____ repito | a. you serve |
| 2. _____ sirves | b. we order |
| 3. _____ pedimos | c. I repeat |
| 4. _____ visten | d. I serve |
| 5. _____ sirvo | e. they dress |

III. Translate into Spanish the underlined words:

- The man orders _____ a cup of coffee.
- I repeat _____ the professor's words.
- We don't ask for _____ much money.
- The waiter serves _____ the meal.
- The mother dresses _____ her children early in the morning.

Go to page 48 to check your responses.

LESSON TEST

I. Translate into Spanish the underlined words:

1. Yo read _____ la lección.
2. Ellos study _____ demasiado.
3. Juana is working _____ en la tienda.
4. Ustedes no speak _____ con ella.
5. Usted eat _____ muy rápido.
6. Norberto writes _____ muy bien.
7. Los alumnos open _____ la puerta.
8. María y yo sell _____ libros viejos.
9. Tú learn _____ con facilidad.
10. Yo live _____ en el dormitorio.

II. Fill in the blanks with the correct conjugation in the present tense of the verb in parenthesis:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Tú (hablar) _____ | 6. Ella (escribir) _____ |
| 2. Ella (correr) _____ | 7. Yo (andar) _____ |
| 3. Juan (partir) _____ | 8. ellos(coser) _____ |
| 4. Nosotros (leer) _____ | 9. Usted (recibir) _____ |
| 5. Usted (cantar) _____ | 10. Ustedes(llorar) _____ |

III. Fill in the blanks with the correct conjugation in the present tense of the verb in parenthesis:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Yo (traducir) _____ | 6. Margarita (escribir) _____ |
| 2. Ellos (tener) _____ | 7. Ustedes (andar) _____ |
| 3. Usted (hacer) _____ | 8. Yo (coser) _____ |
| 4. Yo (conocer) _____ | 9. Él (producir) _____ |
| 5. Tú (venir) _____ | 10. Nosotros (decir) _____ |

IV. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of ir a + infinitive:

1. El policía _____ explicar la multa.
 2. Ellos _____ correr en la competencia.
 3. La señora _____ caminar a la iglesia.
 4. Tú _____ estudiar español.
 5. Yo _____ escribir la carta.
 6. Usted _____ entender la explicación.
 7. Nosotros _____ visitar al médico.
 8. Tú y él _____ ver la televisión.
 9. Ustedes _____ sufrir con la noticia.
 10. Él _____ repetir el curso.
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V. Write the correct conjugation of the verb according to the subject indicated:

A. yo

1. _____ (almorzar)
2. _____ (pensar)
3. _____ (pedir)

D. María y yo

10. _____ (preferir)
11. _____ (mostrar)
12. _____ (servir)

B. los muchachos

4. _____ mover)
5. _____ (dormir)
6. _____ (repetir)

E. tú

13. _____ (encontrar)
14. _____ (sentir)
15. _____ (defender)

C. Pablo

7. _____ (cerrar)
8. _____ (pedir)
9. _____ (jugar)

Go to pages 49-50 to check your responses.

ANSWER KEY

Practice Activity I

1. b
2. a

ANSWER KEY

Practice Activity II

I.

1. camino
2. lee
3. partimos
4. escucha
5. corren
6. alcanza
7. comes
8. escribe
9. limpian
10. hablamos

II.

1. estudia
2. habla
3. trabajan
4. preparas
5. viaja
6. cocinamos
7. creo
8. come
9. vive
10. aman

ANSWER KEY

Practice Activity III

1. valgo
2. sé
3. tengo
4. conozco
5. traduzco
6. vengo
7. hago
8. aparezco
9. salgo
10. digo

ANSWER KEY

Practice Activity IV

1. voy a
2. vas a
3. va a
4. va a
5. van a
6. va a
7. vamos a
8. van a
9. van a
10. van a

Practice Activity V

I.

1. cierro
2. prefiero
3. entiendo
4. pierden
5. comienzan
6. piensan
7. cierra
8. pierde
9. siente
10. defendemos
11. sentimos
12. empezamos
13. cierras
14. prefieres
15. entiendes

II

1. c 2. e 3. b 4. a 5. d

III

1. Yo empiezo
2. Ustedes defienden
3. Él piensa
4. Nosotros entendemos
5. Ellos sienten

ANSWER KEY

Practice Activity VI

I.

1. almuerzo
2. cuento
3. cuesto
4. mueren
5. muestran
6. recuerdan
7. almuerza
8. duerme
9. puede
10. dormimos
11. encontramos
12. jugamos
13. vuelves
14. vuelas
15. mueves

II

1. d 2. c 3. e 4. a 5. b

III

1. Yo cuento
2. Nosotros encontramos
3. Él puede
4. Ella recuerda
5. Ellos mueven

ANSWER KEY

Practice Activity VII

I.

1. pido
2. repito
3. sirven
4. piden
5. pide
6. sirve
7. servimos
8. vestimos
9. repites
10. vistes

II

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. e 5. d

III

1. pide
2. repito
3. pedimos
4. sirve
5. viste

ANSWER KEY

Lesson Test

I.

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. leo | 6. escribe |
| 2. estudian | 7. abren |
| 3. trabaja | 8. vendemos |
| 4. hablan | 9. aprendes |
| 5. come | 10. vivo |

II.

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| 1. hablas | 6. escribe |
| 2. corre | 7. ando |
| 3. parte | 8. cosen |
| 4. leemos | 9. recibe |
| 5. canta | 10. lloran |

III.

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. traduzco | 6. escribe |
| 2. tienen | 7. andan |
| 3. hace | 8. coso |
| 4. conozco | 9. produce |
| 5. vienes | 10. decimos |

IV.

- | | |
|----------|------------|
| 1. va a | 6. va a |
| 2. van a | 7. vamos a |
| 3. va a | 8. van a |
| 4. vas a | 9. van a |
| 5. voy a | 10. va a |

V.

1. almuerzo
2. pienso
3. pido
4. mueven
5. duermen
6. repiten
7. cierra
8. pide
9. juega
10. preferimos
11. mostramos
12. servimos
13. encuentras
14. sientes
15. defiendes

LESSON TEST DECISION TABLE

	If	Then
	You took the lesson test as a pretest and you scored 100%	Go to next lesson
Decision Table	You missed more than two questions in section I or Section II	Go back to page 27
	You missed more than 2 answers in section III	Go back to pages 29 and 30
	You missed more than 2 answers in section IV	Go back to page 32
	You missed more than 2 answers in section V	Go back to pages 34 and 36
	You missed fewer than two questions in each section	Congratulations! You are ready for the next lesson