

GRAMÁTICA!

The infinitive

The infinitive is the form of a verb used in a dictionary or wordlist. In Spanish, verbs fall into three groups according to the ending of the infinitive: **-ar**, **-er** or **-ir**.

1 Match up the halves of these infinitives. Find the correct English translation.

Example: 1 jugar, to play

1 ju...	...car	to write
2 ha...	...bir	to live
3 chat...	...er	to sing
4 le...	...ar	to speak
5 escri...	...gar	to do
6 viv...	...tar	to chat online
7 can...	...ear	to play
8 habl...	...ir	to read

Present tense -ar verbs











You use the present tense to talk about what usually happens: I surf the net, I send texts.

To form the present tense of **-ar** verbs, you take off the **-ar** and add a different ending for each person.

hablar	to speak		
hablo	I speak	hablamos	we speak
hablas	you speak	habláis	you (plural) speak
habla	he/she speaks	hablan	they speak

2 Play a dice game with your partner. Throw the die twice and make a sentence.

Example:  Canta karaoke.

Throw 1						
	I	you	he/she	we	you (plural)	they
Throw 2						

3 Translate these sentences into Spanish.

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| 1 We send texts./We text. | 4 You (singular) sing karaoke. |
| 2 He plays the guitar. | 5 They dance. |
| 3 I speak to my friends. | 6 You (plural) listen. |

Stem-changing verbs

Stem-changing verbs like **jugar** (to play) have regular endings, but some parts of the verb change the vowel in the 'stem'. Some people call these 'boot' verbs.

juego	I play	jugamos	we play
juegas	you play	jugáis	you (plural) play
juega	he/she plays	juegan	they play

4 Unjumble the verbs, then translate the sentences into English.

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| 1 Todos los días jouge al baloncesto. | 4 ¿ gukause al voleibol? |
| 2 De vez en cuando agjive al fútbol. | 5 oimugso al rugby. |
| 3 A veces ujoeng al tenis. | |

Irregular verbs

Hacer (to do) is an important irregular verb. The **c** changes to **g** in the 'I' form.

5 Hannah has spilt tea all over her verb tables. Can you write out the verb hacer for her?

hacer	to		hac	we do
hag	I do		hacéis	(plural) do
hacer	(singular) do		hac	they do
hace	does			

6 Write six sentences each containing one element from each circle and a different form of the verb hacer. Then translate into English.

Example:

- 1 De vez en cuando hago natación.
From time to time I go swimming.

Todos los días
A veces
Nunca
De vez en cuando
Los viernes
Los domingos

+ hacer +

deporte
atletismo
artes marciales
natación
equitación
gimnasia

Verbs with the infinitive

When two verbs come side by side, the second one **MUST** be in the infinitive:

Me gusta **mandar** SMS. I like to text/texting.
Me encanta **ver** la televisión. I love to watch/watching TV.

7 Choose the correct form of the verb to complete each sentence.

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| 1 No me gusta hacer/hago/hace atletismo. | 4 ¿Te gusta escuchamos/escuchan/escuchar música? |
| 2 Me encanta juega/jugar/juego al fútbol. | 5 No me gusta nada lea/leer/leer . |
| 3 Me gusta mandar/manday/mandan SMS. | |