



UNLOCKING SPANISH TENSES

A clear and visual organiser to review the Present, Past and Future tenses at a glance





“You don’t have to be perfect to speak — you just have to start.”

Welcome to **Unlocking Spanish**, a visual and simplified guide to the most essential Spanish verb tenses.

This eBook has been created with one goal:

to help you feel confident using Spanish grammar in real life.

Whether you’re a complete beginner or just reviewing the basics, these pages will give you the clarity you need to move forward — with examples, structure, and gentle guidance along the way.

I dedicate this little book to **every learner who dares to try**, even when it feels confusing at first.

You’re not alone — we’re building this together, step by step.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leila'. The signature is stylized, with a heart symbol integrated into the letter 'i'.

With love,
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PRESENTE SIMPLE

(Present Tense – I speak / I eat / I live)

We use the present tense to talk about habits, routines, and general truths.

HOW DO WE FORM IT?

1. Take the infinitive (e.g. hablar, comer, vivir)
2. Remove the ending: –AR, –ER, or –IR
3. Add the correct ending:



Endings

Subject	-AR	-ER	-IR
Yo (I)	-o	-o	-o
Tú (You)	-as	-es	-es
Él / Ella (He/she)	-a	-e	-e
Nosotros/as (We)	-amos	-emos	-imos
Vosotros/as (You all)	-áis	-éis	-ís
Ellos/as (They)	-an	-en	-en

REGULAR VERB EXAMPLES

- ✓ **Hablar – To speak**
 - Yo no hablo español. → I don't speak Spanish.
 - Tú hablas muy rápido. → You speak very fast.
- ✓ **Comer – To eat**
 - Yo como fruta cada día. → I eat fruit every day.
 - Nosotros comemos a las dos. → We eat at two o'clock.
- ✓ **Vivir – To live**
 - Yo vivo en Madrid. → I live in Madrid.
 - ¿Dónde vivís? → Where do you all live?

EXAMPLE

COMMON IRREGULAR VERBS

Verbo Tener

(to have)

Yo	Tengo
Tú	Tienes
Él / Ella	Tiene
Nosotros/as	Tenemos
Vosotros/as	Tenéis
Ellos/as	Tienen

Verbo Querer

(to want)

Yo	Quiero
Tú	Quieres
Él / Ella	Quiere
Nosotros/as	Queremos
Vosotros/as	Queréis
Ellos/as	Quieren

Verbo Ir

(to go)

Yo	Voy
Tú	Vas
Él / Ella	Va
Nosotros/as	Vamos
Vosotros/as	Vais
Ellos/as	Van

Verbo Ser

(to be [permanent])

Yo	Soy
Tú	Eres
Él / Ella	Es
Nosotros/as	Somos
Vosotros/as	Sois
Ellos/as	Son

Verbo Estar

(to be [temporary])

Yo	Estoy
Tú	Estás
Él / Ella	Está
Nosotros/as	Estamos
Vosotros/as	Estáis
Ellos/as	Están

Verbo Hacer

(to make / to do)

Yo	Hago
Tú	Haces
Él / Ella	Hace
Nosotros/as	Hacemos
Vosotros/as	Hacéis
Ellos/as	Hacen

Verbo Poder

(to be able to [can])

Yo	Puedo
Tú	Puedes
Él / Ella	Puede
Nosotros/as	Podemos
Vosotros/as	Podéis
Ellos/as	Pueden

TIME PHRASES (WITH ENGLISH)

- Normalmente - Normally
- Hoy - Today
- Ahora - Now
- Siempre - Always
- A veces - Sometimes
- Los lunes / martes... - On Mondays, Tuesdays...
- Todos los días - Every day
- Por la mañana - In the morning
- Por la tarde / noche - In the afternoon / evening



PRESENTE CONTINUO

(Present Continuous – I am speaking / eating / living)

We use the present continuous to describe actions happening right now or around the current moment.

HOW DO WE FORM IT?

1. Conjugate the verb *estar* in the present tense
2. Add the gerund of the main verb:
 - -ando for –AR verbs
 - -iendo for –ER and –IR verbs



Subject	ESTAR (present) + Gerund
Yo (I)	Estoy hablando / comiendo / viviendo
Tú (You)	Estás hablando / comiendo / viviendo
Él / Ella (He/she)	Está hablando / comiendo / viviendo
Nosotros/as (We)	Estamos hablando / comiendo / viviendo
Vosotros/as (You all)	Estáis hablando / comiendo / viviendo
Ellos/as (They)	Están hablando / comiendo / viviendo

READY TO UNLOCK ALL 10 VERB TENSES IN SPANISH?

You've just explored a small part of this visual guide — and the rest is waiting for you!

THE FULL EBOOK INCLUDES:

- ✓ 10 verb tenses explained step by step
- ✓ Clear charts and examples in English and Spanish
- ✓ Common irregular verbs grouped by type
- ✓ Time phrases and usage tips
- ✓ A clean, visual layout designed for English-speaking learners



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