**HOW TO CONJUGATE A VERB IN SPANISH**

Spanish 1

1. Unlike English, Spanish has verb endings which match the subject. It is essential to learn these subject pronouns in the order in which they appear below and also know their English equivalents. The Spanish present tense verb endings in number 2 (below) are in the same order as the subject pronouns, and, again must by learned in the order in which they appear.

**Subject Pronouns**

**[Used with the corresponding verb form.]**

yo nosotros/nosotras I we

tú *vosotros/vosotras* you [familiar] *all of you [familiar]*

usted [Ud.] ustedes [Uds.] you [formal] all of you [formal]

él ellos he they

ella ellas she they

1. The following verb endings correspond in order to the Spanish subject pronouns above. They are **attached to** the **stem** of a verb (what remains after the -ar, -er or -ir has been removed) from the infinitive. ***See examples below.***

**Present Tense Verb Endings**

**-AR -ER -IR**

-o -amos -o -emos -o -imos

-as *-áis* -es *-éis* -es *-ís*

-a -an -e -en -e -en

-a -an -e -en -e -en

-a -an -e -en -e -en

**EXAMPLES:**

I speak

hablar [infinitive for *to speak*] -ar = habl- + -o for I [yo] = yo hablo

you [familiar] eat

comer [infinitive for *to eat*] -er = com- + -es for you [familiar - tú] = tú comes

he lives

vivir [infinitive for *to live*] -ir = viv- + -e for he [él] = él vive

we walk

caminar [infinitive for *to walk*] -ar = camin- + -amos for we [nosotros] = nosotros caminamos

they drink

beber [infinitive for *to drink*] -er = beb- + -en for they [ellos] = ellos beben