**THREE TYPES OF SPANISH VERBS**

All Spanish verbs end in *-ar*, *-er* or *-ir* in their infinitive forms. In the charts below, the verbs *amar* [to love], *comer* [to eat] and *vivir* [to live] will be used as examples. The endings for the present tense will be printed in bold face type. **These verb endings must be memorized.**

**REGULAR VERB CONJUGATION IN THE PRESENT TENSE**

All Spanish verbs belong to one of three conjugations, according to the endings of their infinitives. First conjugation verbs end in *-ar*, second conjugation verbs end in -er and third conjugation verbs end in -ir.

The present tense tells what is happening now or what usually happens. In English you can say it in many ways.

*I love; I do love; I am loving. We love; we do love; we are loving.*

*You eat; you are eating you do eat. All of you eat; all of you do eat; all of you are eating.*

*He lives; he does live; he is living. They live; they do live; they are living.*

**HOW TO CONJUGATE A VERB IN SPANISH**

Unlike English, Spanish has verb endings which match the subject. ***It is essential to learn the subject pronouns in the order in which they appear below and also know their English equivalents.***  ***The Spanish present tense verb endings 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 ustedes you [formal] all of you [formal]***

***él ellos he they***

***ella ellas she they [all females]***

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

**Present Tense Verb Endings**

**-AR VERBS -ER VERBS -IR VERBS**

**-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**

The verb conjugations are presented in the standard format for first, second and third person singular and plural forms. English equivalents of the first person singular for -ar verbs are presented under the tense identification label. The following chart of Spanish subject pronouns and their English equivalents help in translating these forms.

**-AR VERBS -ER VERBS -IR VERBS**

**singular plural singular plural singular plural**

**PRESENT INDICATIVE**

***[I love, I do love, I am loving...]***

am**o** am**amos** com**o** com**emos** viv**o** viv**imos**

am**as** *am****áis*** com**es**  *com****éis*** viv**es** *viv****ís***

am**a** am**an** com**e** com**en** viv**e** viv**en**

am**a** am**an** com**e** com**en** viv**e** viv**en**

am**a** am**an** com**e** com**en** viv**e** viv**en**

**EXAMPLES:**

I love: **amar** [infinitive for to love] **-ar** = **am-** + **-o** for I = **yo amo**

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

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

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

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