

Spanish verb tenses

Verb tense	Usage or meaning	Base	-ar	-er	-ir
Present Indicative	present action, eg. He now <u>studies</u> in the library.	Infinitive - ar/er/ir +>	o, as, a amos, áis, an	o,es,e emos, éis, en	o,es,e imos ís, en
Preterit	past action that happened at a fixed point in time, a specific number of times, or during an enclosed amount of time; eg. He <u>studied</u> there all morning. *except: jaguar -eron	Infinitive - ar/er/ir +>	é aste ó amos asteis aron	<u>(er/ir)</u> í iste ió imos isteis ieron	<u>(irreg)</u> e iste o imos isteis ieron*
Imperfect	non-specific or continuous past action that took place repeatedly OR over an extended period of time, key phrases: used to; was +ing; would always; eg. <u>He used to study</u> in the dorm.	Infinitive - ar/er/ir +>	aba abas aba ábamos abais aban	ía ías ía íamos íais ían	ía ías ía íamos íais ían
Commands/ Imperative	Imp. is a mood because it doesn't move between time frame like tense. it is now! 4 Subjects: <i>Tú, Ud, Uds, Vosotros</i>	Pos Tú: Tú of Pres - s	Neg Tú: Tú of Subjunct	Ud/Uds: -ar+e,en -er+a,an -ir+a,an	Vos: Infin-itive -r + d
Present Subjunctive	WIERDO: Wish/Will, Emotion, Impersonal expressions, Requests/Recommendations, Doubt/Denial, Ojala'. eg. I <u>hope</u> that he <u>has</u> the book.	Yo of Present Indic. - o +>	e, es, e emos éis en	a, as, a amos áis an	a,as,a amos áis an
Past or Imperfect Subjunctive	Simply refers to past actions in WIERDO situations eg. I wished that he <u>had</u> the book. * "se" is an uncommon equivalent alternative	Uds. of Preterit - ron +>	ra ras ra ´ramos rais ran	se * ses se ´semos seis sen	
Present Participle	verb with 'ing' ending, eg <u>running</u> , used with ESTAR in the Present and Past Progressive	Infinitive - ar/er/ir +>	+ ando	+ iendo	+ iendo
Present Progressive	to tell what a person is <u>doing</u> right now, eg. He/ <u>is</u> , they/ <u>are running</u> ... Present Indicative of ESTAR + Present Participle	estoy estás está	estamos estáis están	- ar + ando	- er/ir + iendo
Past Progressive	to describe action during a given period or specific time in the past; eg. He/ <u>was</u> , they/ <u>were running</u> ... Imperfect of ESTAR + Present Participle	estaba estabas estaba	estábamos estabais estaban	- ar + ando	- er/ir + iendo