

Spanish verb tenses

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