

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> - ar/er/ir +>	o, as, a amos, áis, an	o,es,e emos, éis, en	o,es,e imos 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. *except: jaguar -eron	<b>Infinitive</b> - 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*
<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> - ar/er/ir +>	aba abas aba ábamos abais aban	ía ías ía íamos íais ían	ía ías ía íamos íais 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> Tú of <b>Pres</b> - s	<b>Neg Tú:</b> Tú of <b>Subjunct</b>	<b>Ud/Uds:</b> -ar+e,en -er+a,an -ir+a,an	<b>Vos:</b> Infin-itive -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 <b>Present Indic.</b> - o +>	e, es, e emos éis en	a, as, a amos áis an	a,as,a amos áis 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.  * "se" is an uncommon equivalent alternative	<b>Uds.</b> of <b>Preterit</b> - ron +>	ra ras ra ´ramos rais ran	se * ses se ´semos seis 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> - ar/er/ir +>	+ ando	+ iendo	+ 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> ... <b>Present Indicative</b> of ESTAR + <b>Present Participle</b>	estoy estás esta	estamos estáis están	- <b>ar</b> + ando	- <b>er/ir</b> + 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> ... <b>Imperfect</b> of ESTAR + <b>Present Participle</b>	estaba estabas estaba	estábamos estabais estaban	- <b>ar</b> + ando	- <b>er/ir</b> + iendo