

Stem-Changing Verbs, Part II

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In Part II, we will see two new types of “stem-changes” in present-tense verb conjugations. Remember that we also call these the **boot** verbs.

$0 \rightarrow UE$



The stem of the verb (O) undergoes a change during conjugation and becomes (UE) in the singular forms and the third-person plural form.

Poder (Present Tense)

To be able to, can

(yo) pu<u>e</u>do	(nosotros) pod<u>e</u>mos
(tú) pu<u>e</u>des	(vosotros) pod<u>e</u>ís
(él, ella) (usted) pu<u>e</u>de	(ellos) (ustedes) pu<u>e</u>den

Dormir (Present Tense)

To sleep

(yo) duermo	(nosotros) dormimos
(tú) duermes	(vosotros) dormís
(él, ella) (usted) duerme	(ellos) (ustedes) duermen

Other O→UE Verbs: contar (to count); almorzar (to have lunch); costar (to cost); devolver (to return an item); encontrar (to find); recordar (to remember); volver (to return; to go back)

****The stem-change will occur on the second to last syllable.**

$E \rightarrow I$



The stem of the verb (E) undergoes a change during conjugation and becomes (I) in the singular forms and the third-person plural form.

Pedir (Present Tense)

To ask for → *Notice that “for” is part of the verb

(yo) pid<u>o</u>	(nosotros) ped<u>imos</u>
(tú) pid<u>es</u>	(vosotros) ped<u>ís</u>
(él, ella) (usted) pid<u>e</u>	(ellos) (ustedes) pid<u>en</u>

Decir (Present Tense)

To say/tell → *Watch out for the irregular “yo” form

(yo) digo	(nosotros) decimos
(tú) dices	(vosotros) decís
(él, ella) (usted) dice	(ellos) (ustedes) dicen

Other E→I Verbs: servir (to serve); repetir (to repeat); competir (to compete); medir (to measure); vestir (to dress)

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