

Verbs with irregular “yo” form

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Many -ER and -IR verbs have irregular conjugations. The irregularity may be found throughout the conjugations, or with only one subject pronoun.

Conocer (Present Tense)

To know/be familiar with (a person or place)

(yo) conozco	(nosotros) conocemos
(tú) conoces	(vosotros) conocéis
(él, ella) (usted) conoce	(ellos) (ustedes) conocen

Examples

Yo conozco a tu hermano.

I know your brother.

Nosotros conocemos España.

We are familiar with Spain.

Marta conoce la ruta.

Marta is familiar with the route.

Whenever the object of a verb is human, we must put an “a” before the object.

Cuido a mi hermanito.

I take care of my little brother.

Busco a Carlos.

I’m looking for Carlos.

Saber (Present Tense)

To know (information or a fact)

(yo) sé	(nosotros) sabemos
(tú) sabes	(vosotros) sabéis
(él, ella) (usted) sabe	(ellos) (ustedes) saben

Examples

Yo sé patinar muy bien.

I know how to skate very well.

Nosotros sabemos la respuesta.

We know the answer.

¿Sabe ella a qué hora empieza la práctica?

Does she know when practice starts?

Notice that in order to say “to know how to do something,” we use the formula,

Saber + infinitive

Hacer (Present Tense)

To do/to make

(yo) hago	(nosotros) hacemos
(tú) haces	(vosotros) hacéis
(él, ella) (usted) hace	(ellos) (ustedes) hacen

Salir (Present Tense)

To leave/to go out

(yo) salgo	(nosotros) salimos
(tú) sales	(vosotros) salís
(él, ella) (usted) sale	(ellos) (ustedes) salen

Traer (Present Tense)

To bring

(yo) traigo	(nosotros) traemos
(tú) traes	(vosotros) traéis
(él, ella) (usted) trae	(ellos) (ustedes) traen

Oír (Present Tense) (notice the accent on the *i*) To hear

(yo) oigo	(nosotros) oímos
(tú) oyes	(vosotros) oís
(él, ella) (usted) oye	(ellos) (ustedes) oyen

Oír – some things to consider

The verb *oír* is often mistaken with *escuchar* (which means “to listen to”).

Look at the difference:

¿Me escuchas?

Are you listening to me?

¿Me oyes?

Do you hear me?

*In some countries, *escuchar* has taken both meanings.

*If you want to say “hey”, you will use “oye”