

Conjugation Notes

-We conjugate verbs by making the verb agree with its subject.

-Present tense conjugation in English looks like this:

To talk

I talk	We talk
You talk	You all talk
He She >talks It	They talk

-In English, all we do is add an "S" to the verb in the he/she/it form when we conjugate in the present tense.

-When conjugating verbs, we always start with the infinitive.

-An infinitive is a **non-conjugated** verb.

-In English, infinitives are **to + verb**.

-ex: to talk, to walk, to play, to read

-In Spanish, all infinitives end in -AR, -ER, -IR.

-ex: hablar, comer, escribir

-An infinitive in Spanish has two parts: the STEM and the ENDING.

-ex: Hablar Stem: Habl - Ending: AR

-When we conjugate verbs in Spanish:

1) Take off the ending (-ar, -er, or -ir)

2) Replace it with the new ending that agrees

with the subject

-The "-ar" verb endings are:

yo - O	nosotros - AMOS nosotras
tú - AS	vosotros - ÁIS vosotras
él ella > - A usted (Ud.)	Ellos Ellas > - AN Ustedes (Uds.)

-For example: Let's conjugate the verb hablar (to talk/to speak)

hablar (stem: habl-)

Singular			Plural		
yo	Hablo	I talk	nosotros	Hablamos	we talk
tú	Hablas	you talk	vosotros	Habláis	you all talk
él ella usted	Habla	he talks she talks you talk it talks	ellos ustedes	Hablan	they talk you all talk

-A present tense verb in Spanish can have several different meanings in English:

Yo hablo con él.= I talk/speak with him.

I am talking/speaking with him.

-Other useful -ar verbs that follow the same pattern are: (Fill them out by looking at your vocabulary sheets!)

- _____ =to study

- _____ =to practice

- _____ =to need

- _____ =to ride (a bicycle or skateboard)

- _____ =to swim

- _____ =to sing

- _____ (un instrumento) = to play (an instrument), to touch

- _____ =to work

- _____ =to skate

- _____ =to draw

- _____ =to dance

- _____ (música) = to listen to (music)

- _____ =to use

- _____ =to teach

- _____ (apuntes) = to take (notes)