

- er, -ir Verbs 1 C4

Verbs are action words (to eat, to see, to drink). Most verbs in Spanish belong to a particular "family." Verbs that end with **-er**, or **-ir** are called **-er** or **-ir** verbs. You have already learned the present tense of regular **-ar** verbs. In this chapter, you will learn **-er** and **-ir** verbs together. Some **-er** and **-ir** verbs that you will use frequently are :

comer, beber, leer, ver, comprender (*to understand*), aprender (*to learn*), abrir, recibir, escribir, and vivir

Remember that all Spanish verbs change their endings according to the subject. Study the following forms of the verbs **comer** and **vivir** (*to live*).

Infinitive: comer (stem:com-)			
yo	como (I eat)	nosotros, nosotras	comemos (we eat)
tú	comes (you eat)	vosotros, vosotras	coméis (you (plrl) eat)
ud., él, ella	come (you formal, he, she eats)	Uds., ellos, ellas	comen (you (plrl), they eat)

Infinitive: vivir (stem: viv-)			
yo	vivo (I live)	nosotros, nosotras	vivimos (we live)
tú	vives (you live)	vosotros, vosotras	vivís (you (plrl) live)
ud., él, ella	vive (you formal, he/she lives)	Uds., ellos, ellas	viven (you (plrl), they eat)

Completa. Complete the forms of the verbs **beber**, **abrir**, **comprender**, **escribir**

Infinitive: beber (stem:beb-)			
yo		nosotros, nosotras	
tú		vosotros, vosotras	
usted, él, ella		Ustedes, ellos, ellas	

Infinitive: abrir (stem:abr -)			
yo		nosotros, nosotras	
tú		vosotros, vosotras	
usted, él, ella		Ustedes, ellos, ellas	

Infinitive: comprender stem: comprend-			
yo		nosotros, nosotras	
tú		vosotros, vosotras	
usted, él, ella		Ustedes, ellos, ellas	

Infinitive: escribir stem: escrib-			
yo		nosotros, nosotras	
tú		vosotros, vosotras	
usted, él, ella		Ustedes, ellos, ellas	

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Practica.

Forma frases. Make complete sentences. Underline the subject and conjugate each verb according to the subject of each sentence. **Write out the entire sentence.** Be sure that you understand what the sentence means.

Modelo:

Nosotros / vivir / en / Colombia Nosotros vivimos en Colombia.

1. Yo / *comer* / la empanada

2. Él / *vivir* / en la casa roja.

3. Vosotros / *comprender* / español

4. Nosotros / *abrir* / los menús

5. Ellos / *beben* / chocolates calientes

6. Yo / *recibir* / una limonada / del mesero

7. Él / *escribir* / la orden

8. ¿ tú / *aprender* / español / ?

9. ellas / *vivir* / cerca del / café

10. Nosotros / *leer* / los menús

**Study verb endings for the quiz next week.
You will be asked to conjugate one of the - er or -ir verbs all the way through
and to know the verb's meaning in English.**