

- 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)
tú	comes (you eat)
ud., él, ella	come (you formal, he, she eats)
nosotros, nosotras	comemos (we eat)
vosotros, vosotras	coméis (you (plrl) eat)
Uds., ellos, ellas	comen (you (plrl), they eat)

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

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

Infinitive: beber (stem: beb-)	
yo	
tú	
ud., él, ella	
nosotros, nosotras	
vosotros, vosotras	
Uds., ellos, ellas	

Infinitive: abrir (stem: abr-)	
yo	
tú	
ud., él, ella	
nosotros, nosotras	
vosotros, vosotras	
Uds., ellos, ellas	

Infinitive: comprender (stem: comprend-)	
yo	
tú	
ud., él, ella	
nosotros, nosotras	
vosotros, vosotras	
Uds., ellos, ellas	

Infinitive: escribir (stem: escrib-)	
yo	
tú	
ud., él, ella	
nosotros, nosotras	
vosotros, vosotras	
Uds., ellos, ellas	

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Practica.

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

Modelo:

Nosotros / vivir / en / Colombia

Nosotros vivimos en Colombia.

1. Juan / *comprender* / español

2. los amigos / *beber* / café

3. Nosotros / *abrir* / los menús

4. Yo / *comer* / la empanada

5. Enrique / *recibir* / una limonada / del mesero

6. El mesero / *escribir* / la orden

7. ¿ tú / *aprender* / español / ?

8. ellas / *vivir* / cerca del / café

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.