**1. Infinitive verbs:**

In **Spanish**, **infinitives** always end in -**ar, -er** or -**ir**. In **English**, "**infinitive**" is usually used to refer to the "to + **verb**" form of the **verb** such as "to run" **or** "to eat. Examples:

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| **English infinitive** | **Spanish infinitive** |
| to hug | abraz**ar** |
| to eat | com**er** |
| to open | abr**ir** |

**2. Infinitive verb vs conjugated verb:**

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| **Infinitive verb** | **Subject pronoun** | **Conjugated verb** |
| comprar (to buy) | yo | yo compro |
| correr (to run) | tú | tu corres |
| estudiar (to study) | él, ella, usted | el, ella, Ud, estudia |
| creer (to believe) | nosotros | nosotros creemos |
| preguntar (to ask) | ustedes | ustedes preguntan |
| llamar (to call) | ellos | ellos llaman |

**3. Conjugation AR, ER, IR verbs:**

Step 1: Find the **infinitive** Comprar

Step 2: Drop the ‘AR’ to leave the STEM compr**ar** compr

Step 3: Add the new ending Yo compro



**Regular verbs have the same stem and when conjugated the stem keeps the same only the endings change.**

AR ER IR

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| amar | to love |  | comer | to eat |  | vivir | to live |
| comprar | to buy |  | crecer | to grow |  | escribir | to write |
| estudiar | to study |  | aprender | to learn |  | subir | to go up/climb |
| caminar | to walk |  | cojer | to grab |  | abrir | to open |
| necesitar | to need |  | correr | to run |  | asistir | to attend |
| viajar | to travel |  | deber | to owe |  | exigir | to demand |
| buscar | to look for |  | temer | to fear |  | existir | to exist |
| pensar | to think |  | escoger | to choose |  | aplaudir | to clap |
| llevar | to carry/take/wear |  | aprender | to learn |  | asistir | to attend |
| abrazar | to hug |  | vender | to sale |  | permitir | to allow |

**Conversation and practice:** Translate in spanish with the correct conjugations.

*Example:*

*What are you taking (llevar) to the party? ¿Que llev****as*** *a la fiesta?*

1. What do you (formal) cook (cocinas)?
2. ¿What do they eat (comer)?
3. How do you learn (aprender) Spanish?
4. At what time does she leaves (salir) ?
5. What do they need (necesitar)?
6. Where do they study (estudiar)?
7. We dance (bailar) every weekend.

**Example COMPRAR Example PODER**

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| **Yo O** | **Nosotros amos** |
| **Tu as** | **Vosotros áis** |
| **É**  **Ella a**  **Usted** | **Ustedes**  **Ellos an**  **ellas** |

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| **Yo O** | **Nosotros emos** |
| **Tu es** | **Vosotros éis** |
| **Él**  **Ella e**  **Usted** | **Ustedes**  **Ellos en**  **ellas** |

**Example MENTIR**

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| **Yo O** | **Nosotros imos** |
| **Tu es** | **Vosotros ís** |
| **ÉL**  **Ella e**  **Usted** | **Ustedes**  **Ellos en**  **ellas** |

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| **abrazar** | **to hug** | **explicar** | **to explain** | **aprender** | **to learn** |
| **ayudar** | **to help** | **ganar** | **to win** | **beber** | **to drink** |
| **bailar** | **to dance** | **gastar** | **to spend** | **comer** | **to eat** |
| **besar** | **to kiss** | **hablar** | **to talk/speak** | **comprender** | **to understand** |
| **buscar** | **to look for** | **limpiar** | **to clean** | **correr** | **to run** |
| **cambiar** | **to change** | **llamar** | **to call** | **creer** | **to believe** |
| **cantar** | **to sing** | **llegar** | **to arrive** | **leer** | **to read** |
| **comprar** | **to buy** | **llevar** | **to wear** | **aprender** | **to learn** |
| **contestar** | **to answer** | **mirar** | **to watch/look at** | **abrir** | **to open** |
| **descansar** | **to rest** | **nadar** | **to swim** | **decidir** | **to decide** |
| **dibujar** | **to draw** | **preguntar** | **to ask** | **discutir** | **to discuss** |
| **enviar** | **to send** | **regresar** | **to return** | **escribir** | **to write** |
| **escuchar** | **to listen** | **trabajar** | **to work** | **recibir** | **to receive** |
| **esperar** | **to wait for** | **viajar** | **to travel** | **subir** | **to climb/go up** |
| **estudiar** | **to study** | **visitar** | **to visit** | **vivir** | **to live** |

Translate to Spanish with the correct conjugation.

1. I travel 8. You (formal) sing
2. We eat 9. He works
3. They arrive 10. They (M) drink
4. He writes 11. I understand
5. I wait 12. They (F) visit
6. They return 13. We work

Table

Description automatically generated**4. Useful Prepositions:**

**Preposition Uses:**  
  
           1) Preposition +  noun:  
                         **Contra** mi auto / against my car                       **Sin** dinero / without money  
  
          2) Preposition + pronoun:  
                         **Para** mí / for me  
                         **Entre** nosotros / among us  
  
         3) Preposition + infinitive:  
                         **Sin** comer / without eating  
  
         4) Verb + Preposition:  
                       Viniendo **de** lejos / coming from far away  
                       Voy **hacia** la locura / I am going crazy

**How to use prepositions in Spanish**

Prepositions in Spanish are pretty easy to understand as they often function in almost the same way as they do in English language. Here are some examples on how to use them in a sentence

1.**English:** I (subject) am going (verb)**to** (preposition) the store (prepositional object).

**Spanish:** Yo (subject) voy (verb) **a** (preposition) la tienda (prepositional object).

2. Atlanta es la capital **de** Georgia.

Atlanta is the capital **of** Georgia.

3. Ella es **de** Uruguay.

She is **from** Uruguay.

4. Está **en** mi mochila.

It is **in** my backpack.

5. Trabajo **con** los estudiantes

I work **with**the students

6. Viví en México **hasta** el quinto grado

I have been living in Mexico **until** fifth grade

**Practice: Translate to Spanish:**

1. The good ones are fighting(peleando) **against** the bad ones.
2. I don’t go out **without** my phone.
3. This present (regalo) is **for** you
4. I don’t eat meat **during** the lent
5. The store is **between** those two houses