

E. Introduction to -AR verbs with Clothing

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Target Vocabulary and Concepts

	to wear		What do you (inf.) need?
	to buy		What does s/he, do you (form.) need?
	to need		the size
	to change clothes		small
	to look for		medium
	to look at, to see		large
	How is he/she, are you (form.) dressed?		How much is it/are they? (review)
	What size does s/he, do you (form.) need?		bigger
	What is s/he, are you (form.) wearing?		smaller



AR Verb Endings:

yo		nosotros	
tú		vosotros	
él/ella/Usted		ellos/ellas/Ustedes	

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1. Most verbs in Spanish are *regular* verbs, and they follow easy patterns of conjugation.
2. Spanish verbs have three possible endings in their infinitive forms: -ar, -er, -ir.
3. Today, you are learning about verbs that end in -ar in their infinitive form. (The infinitive form of the verb "buy" in English would be to buy. In Spanish, it is comprar.)

¡Conjugation!

Step 1: Find the **infinitive** → mirar

Step 2: Drop the "AR" to leave the **STEM** → mirar → cant

Step 3: Add the new ending → yo miro

yo		nosotros	
tú		vosotros	
él/ella/usted		ellos/ellas/ustedes	

Here's how that looks with an actual verb: **NECESITAR**

yo	necesito	nosotros	necesitamos
tú	necesitas	vosotros	necesitáis
él/ella/usted	necesita	ellos/ellas/ustedes	necesitan

Now, try it out yourself with each verb listed below: **COMPRAR**

yo		nosotros	
tú		vosotros	
él/ella/usted		ellos/ellas/ustedes	

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CAMBIAR DE ROPA

yo		nosotros	
tú		vosotros	
él/ella/usted		ellos/ellas/ustedes	

LLEVAR

yo		nosotros	
tú		vosotros	
él/ella/usted		ellos/ellas/ustedes	

BUSCAR

yo		nosotros	
tú		vosotros	
él/ella/usted		ellos/ellas/ustedes	

MIRAR

yo		nosotros	
tú		vosotros	
él/ella/usted		ellos/ellas/ustedes	

Mnemonic Devices for Vocabulary: Tricks to Help You Remember



MIRAR: to look at. To remember this one, keep in mind how it sounds like "mirror."



BUSCAR: to search/
look for. This one depends on the spelling of *buscar*: bus + car. Think of someone running late or caught in bad weather, **looking desperately for a bus, a car, or any way to get where they are going!**

OTHER TRICKS TO HELP YOU REMEMBER...

NECESITAR: to need. Do you see the same root as the word "necessary?" If it's necessary, we **need** it.



CAMBIAR: to change, which sounds like "can be ours." We can **change** an endless number of times and anything **can be ours**.

COMPRAR: to buy. It may help to think of how you **compare** different items before you decide to **buy** one. Be careful, though! The Spanish verb for "compare" is very similar: *comparar*.

