

Rosa's Spanish Verb Adventure

Learning objective: To understand how Spanish verbs change to show who is performing the action, specifically focusing on the present tense for regular -ar verbs.

Read the story below featuring Rosa the parrot. Look closely at how the verbs change at the end. Use the word bank to help you complete the questions that follow.

Rosa the parrot is an expert at languages. When Rosa speaks, she says, 'Yo hablo español' (I speak Spanish). When she invites you to join, she says, 'Tú hablas español' (You speak Spanish). If we are all learning together, she chirps, 'Nosotros estudiamos' (We study). Rosa loves to sing and dance in the jungle. 'Yo canto' (I sing) and 'Yo bailo' (I dance) are her favourite phrases to teach her friends. Notice how the ending of the verb changes depending on who is doing the action!

Word bank: hablar (to speak) · estudiar (to study) · bailar (to dance) · cantar (to sing) · yo (I) · tú (you) · nosotros (we)

1. If 'Yo hablo' means 'I speak', how would you write 'I study' using the word bank? (2 marks)

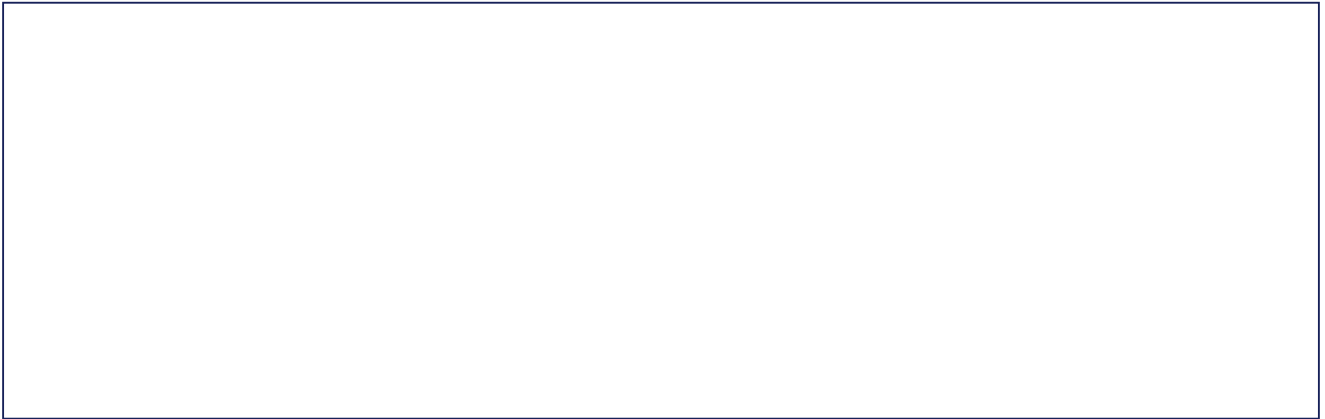
2. Explain why the verb ending changes when we switch from 'Yo' (I) to 'Tú' (you). (3 marks)

3. Look at the verb 'cantar' (to sing). If 'Yo canto' means 'I sing', what do you think 'Nosotros cantamos' means? Justify your reasoning. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the verb endings for 'Yo' (I) and 'Nosotros' (we). What patterns do you notice? (3 marks)

5. What might happen if we used the wrong verb ending in a Spanish sentence? How would it affect the listener's understanding? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Rosa the parrot in the jungle teaching a group of animal friends. Include speech bubbles for the animals using the Spanish phrases for 'I sing' and 'We dance'.



Extension challenge: Create your own 'Verb Conjugation Table' for the verb 'bailar' (to dance). Research or guess the endings for 'Yo', 'Tú', and 'Nosotros' based on the patterns you discovered today. Then, write a short paragraph in English explaining why it is useful for a language to have different verb endings for different people.