

Rosa's Spanish Verbs: Mastering the Tenses

Jump into Spanish with Rosa the Parrot – Let's get our verbs moving!

- **The Infinitive is the base form of a verb. In Spanish, all infinitives end in -ar, -er, or -ir, like 'hablar' (to speak) or 'comer' (to eat).**
- **To conjugate in the Present tense, remove the -ar, -er, or -ir ending and add a new ending to match who is doing the action.**
- **The 'Yo' (I) form in the present tense for -ar verbs usually ends in '-o'. For example: Yo hablo (I speak).**
- **Past tense (Preterite) is used for actions that are finished. It uses different endings than the present tense to show the action happened already.**
- **Rosa reminds us: Regular verbs follow a pattern, but look out for 'irregular' verbs that change their stem or spelling!**

Did you know? Did you know? In Spanish, verbs contain the 'who' inside the word! Because the ending changes depending on who is doing the action, you don't always need to use the word for 'I', 'you', or 'he/she'. It is like a secret code hidden in the verb's tail!

Key vocabulary: Infinitivo (Infinitive) · Presente (Present) · Pasado (Past) · Conjugación (Conjugation) · Terminación (Ending) · Hablar (To speak)