

Rosa's Spanish Verb Adventure: Tense and Time

Master the movement of time with Rosa the parrot—make your Spanish verbs fly!

- The infinitive is the base form of a verb before it is changed. In Spanish, these always end in -ar, -er, or -ir.
- To conjugate a verb in the present tense, you remove the infinitive ending and add a new suffix that matches the person.
- For regular -ar verbs, the 'yo' (I) form always ends in -o (e.g., hablar becomes hablo).
- The present tense is used to describe actions that are happening right now or actions that happen regularly.
- Spanish verbs are categorized by their endings, which act like a puzzle piece to show who is performing the action.

Did you know? Did you know? In Spanish, the verb itself often tells you who is doing the action! Because the ending changes to match the person, you can often leave out words like 'yo' (I) or 'tú' (you) and still be perfectly understood.

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