

Rosa's Radiant Verb Voyage: Mastering Spanish Tenses

¡Vamos a aprender! Join Rosa the parrot and discover how Spanish verbs dance through time.

- All Spanish infinitives end in one of three ways: -ar, -er, or -ir. These are the building blocks for every sentence you create.
- To conjugate a verb, you remove the infinitive ending (the suffix) and add a new ending that matches the subject, such as 'o' for 'yo' (I) in the present tense.
- The present tense describes actions happening right now, like 'Rosa canta' (Rosa sings).
- The preterite tense is used for completed actions in the past. If you finished your lunch, you would use the past tense form of 'comer'.
- Regular verbs follow a predictable pattern. Once you master the root (radical) and the suffix, you can unlock hundreds of new verbs!

Did you know? Did you know? In Spanish, the verb itself contains the 'who'! Because the endings change to match the person, you can often drop the pronoun. For example, 'hablo' already means 'I speak' without needing the word 'yo'!

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