Repaso: Present tense of regular and stem-changing verbs

Preview

- Regular verbs
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Regular verbs

- To say what people do regularly, replace the **-ar**, **-er**, or **-ir infinitive endings** with a **present tense ending** that matches the subject.

	hablar *(to talk)*	**comer** *(to eat)*	**asistir** *(to attend)*
yo	habl**o**	com**o**	asist**o**
tú	habl**as**	com**es**	asist**es**
él, ella, Ud.	habl**a**	com**e**	asist**e**
nosotros(as)	habl**amos**	com**emos**	asist**imos**
vosotros(as)	habl**áis**	com**éis**	asist**ís**
ellos, ellas, Uds.	habl**an**	com**en**	asist**en**

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Regular verbs

- The subject pronoun is used to clarify or emphasize who the subject is.

¿**Comes** carne?	A veces. Tú nunca **comes** carne, ¿verdad?
Do you eat meat?	*Sometimes. **You** never eat meat, right?*

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Stem-changing verbs

- In the present tense, some verbs have **stem changes** in all but their **nosotros** and **vosotros** forms.

	probar (o→ue) *(to try, to taste)*	**preferir (e→ie)** *(to prefer)*
yo	pr**ue**bo	pref**ie**ro
tú	pr**ue**bas	pref**ie**res
él, ella, Ud.	pr**ue**ba	pref**ie**re
nosotros(as)	pr**o**bamos	pref**e**rimos
vosotros(as)	pr**o**báis	pref**e**rís
ellos, ellas, Uds.	pr**ue**ban	pref**ie**ren

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