

Irregular Verbs: Estar, Ir, Dar

You should already know how to conjugate the verb *estar*.

estoy
estás
está
estamos
estáis
están

Notice that *ir* and *dar* follow the same pattern as *estar*; they are irregular in the first person singular (*yo*).

ESTAR (TO BE)	IR (TO GO)	DAR (TO GIVE)
estoy	voy	doy
estás	vas	das
está	va	da
estamos	vamos	damos
estáis	vais	dais
están	van	dan

Since these verbs are irregular, their conjugations must be memorized. Make a flashcard with these three verbs on one side, and their conjugations on the other side.

It seems that there are two options when it comes to learning the irregular verbs. The first is to view them as complex and difficult, in which case you will struggle, wring your hands in consternation, and never really learn them. We do not advocate this approach.

A more productive strategy is to build a library of flashcards and to study them regularly. It is not necessary to study them for long periods of time. It is, however, essential to study them frequently. Therefore, we recommend that you carry your little stack of verb cards with you, and pull them out several times a day. This will work, even if you only study them for 3-4 minutes per session.
Guaranteed!

Let's add a flashcard for the irregular verbs *estar*, *ir*, and *dar*:

Verb Flashcards

15. *estar*, *ir*, *dar*

estoy - voy - doy
estás - vas - das
está - va - da
estamos - vamos - damos
estáis - vais - dais
están - van - dan