

vivir

yo vivo I live
usted vive..... you live
nosotros/as vivimos we live
ustedes viven you-all live

Look for a pattern in the yo form.

yo hablo
yo como
yo vivo

If the subject is I (yo), conjugate by dropping the ending and add -o.

yo hablo..... (hablar - ar + o = hablo)
yo como..... (comer - er + o = como)
yo vivo (vivir - ir + o = vivo)

Look for a pattern in the usted form.

usted habla
usted come
usted vive

If the subject is you formal (usted) drop the ending and add either -a or -e. If the verb is an -ar verb, add -a. If it is an -er or -ir verb, add -e.

usted habla (hablar - ar + a = habla)
usted come (comer - er + e = come)
usted vive..... (vivir - ir + e = vive)

Look for a pattern in the nosotros/as form.

nosotros/as hablamos
nosotros/as comemos
nosotros/as vivimos

If the subject is we (nosotros/as), conjugate by dropping the ending and add -amos, -emos, or -imos. Notice that the ending of the infinitive determines which is used: -ar verbs add -amos, -er verbs add -emos, -ir verbs add -imos.

nosotros/as hablamos..... (hablar - ar + amos = hablamos)
nosotros/as comemos..... (comer - er + emos = comemos)
nosotros/as vivimos (vivir - ir + imos = vivimos)

Look for a pattern in the ustedes form.

ustedes hablan
ustedes comen
ustedes viven

If the subject is you-all (ustedes), conjugate by dropping the ending and add -an or -en. If the verb is an -ar verb, add -an. If it is an -er or an -ir verb, add -en.

ustedes hablan (hablar - ar + an = hablan)
ustedes comen (comer - er + en = comen)
ustedes viven (vivir - ir + en = viven)

Present tense (indicative) in Spanish means three things.

Yo hablo inglés:

I speak English.
I do speak English.
I am speaking English.

Yo como pan:

I eat bread.
I do eat bread.
I am eating bread.

Yo vivo en Buenos Aires:

I live in Buenos Aires.
I do live in Buenos Aires.
I am living in Buenos Aires.

It is vital that you continue with your collection of verb flashcards. This will be your key to success in mastering the Spanish verbs. Continue by creating 4 additional cards, writing the words in bold on one side and the conjugations on the other side:

Verb Flashcards

2. **Present Indicative** I speak
I do speak
I am speaking

3. **hablar (to speak)** hablo
habla
hablamos
hablan

4. **comer (to eat)** como
come
comemos
comen

5. **vivir (to live)** vivo
vive
vivimos
viven