

Stem-Changing Verbs: o:ue

Remember, there are three types of infinitives: -ar, -er, -ir. Infinitives are made up of two parts: the ending and the stem. In the following examples, the stem is underlined and the ending is in bold.

habl**ar**
com**er**
viv**ir**

With regular verbs, the stem stays the same, and the ending changes as they are conjugated.

<u>habl</u> o	<u>com</u> o	<u>viv</u> o
<u>habl</u> as	<u>com</u> es	<u>viv</u> es
<u>habl</u> a	<u>com</u> e	<u>viv</u> e
<u>habl</u> amos	<u>com</u> emos	<u>viv</u> imos
<u>habl</u> áis	<u>com</u> éis	<u>viv</u> ís
<u>habl</u> an	<u>com</u> en	<u>viv</u> en

With some verbs, the stem also changes when you conjugate them. In the present tense, there are three groups of stem-changing verbs:

o:ue
e:ie
e:i

With the first group of stem-changing verbs, the letter o in the stem changes to ue in all forms except the nosotros and vosotros.

cont**ar**

cu**ento**
cu**entas**
cu**enta**

cont**amos**
cont**áis**

cu**entan**

Here's another o:ue stem changing verb. Compare it to the regular verb comer. Notice that the endings are the same for regular verbs and stem-changing verbs.

mover (o:ue)
comer (regular -er verb)

mue**vo**
co**mo**

mue**ves**
co**mes**

mueve

come

mov**emos**

com**emos**

mov**éis**

com**éis**

muev**en**

com**en**

Here's another o:ue stem-changing verb. Notice how the stem doesn't change in the nosotros and vosotros forms.

dormir (o:ue)

duermo

duermes

duerme

dormimos

dormís

duermen

Here is a list of common o:ue stem-changing verbs.

almorzar to eat lunch

morir..... to die

aprobar..... to approve

mostrar..... to show

colgar..... to hang

mover..... to move (an object)

contar..... to count, to tell

probar..... to prove, test, sample, taste

costar..... to cost

recordar..... to remember

devolver..... to return (an object)

resolver..... to solve

volver..... to return (from someplace)

rogar..... to beg, pray

dormir..... to sleep

sonar..... to sound, ring

encontrar..... to find

soñar (con)..... to dream (about)

envolver..... to wrap

tostar..... to toast

morder..... to bite

volar..... to fly

Let's add a flashcard for o:ue stem-changers:

Verb Flashcards

12. **o:ue stem-changers (dormir)**

duermo
duermes
duerme
dormimos
dormís
duermen

(almorzar, contar, costar, volver, recordar, volar)