

This is to help with forming the Present Subjunctive in Spanish!

How to form the present subjunctive

forming the Present Subjunctive
 (for most verbs)

verb
infinitive form

Step 1:

-AR verbs

-ER / -IR verbs

Step 2:

ar +

er / ir +

Step 3:

-AR verb endings

(yo) -e	(nosotros) -emos
(tú) -es	(vosotros) -éis
(él) -e (ella) (usted)	(ellos) -en (ellas) (ustedes)

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-ER/-IR verb endings

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(él) -a (ella) (usted)	(ellos) -an (ellas) (ustedes)

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1. Is the verb irregular?

Yes. Change accordingly:

dar <small>(to give)</small>	ir <small>(to go)</small>	saber <small>(to know)</small>	haber <small>(to be)</small>	estar <small>(to be)</small>	ser <small>(to be)</small>
dé	vaya	sepa	haya	esté	sea
des	vayas	sepas		estés	seas
dé	vaya	sepa		esté	sea
demos	vayamos	sepamos		estemos	seamos
deís	vayáis	sepáis		estéis	seáis
den	vayan	sepan		estén	sean

No. Keep going.

2. Does the verb have an irregular "yo" form in the present tense?

Yes. Change to "yo" form in present tense.

Take off the "o" and skip to step 3.

Examples:

decir (to say; to tell) Present Subjunctive

digo →

(yo) diga	(nosotros) digamos
(tú) digas	(vosotros) digáis
(él) diga (ella) (usted)	(ellos) digan (ellas) (ustedes)

conocer (to meet; to know) Present Subjunctive

conozco →

(yo) conozca	(nosotros) conozcamos
(tú) conozcas	(vosotros) conozcáis
(él) conozca (ella) (usted)	(ellos) conozcan (ellas) (ustedes)

No. Keep going.

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3. Is the verb a stem-changer?

Yes. Change it to its present tense forms.

Take off the:

"o", "as", "a", "amos", "áis", "an"
or "o", "es", "e", "emos", "éis", "en"

And skip to step 3.

pensar (to think) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	piense	(nosotros)	pensemos
(tú)	pienses	(vosotros)	penséis
(él)	piense	(ellos)	piensen
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

volver (to go back, to return) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	vuelva	(nosotros)	volvamos
(tú)	vuelvas	(vosotros)	volváis
(él)	vuelva	(ellos)	 vuelvan
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

*for IR stem-changers, there will be a change outside of the shoe: (e-i) & (o-u)

pedir (to ask for) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	pida	(nosotros)	pidamos
(tú)	pidas	(vosotros)	pidáis
(él)	pida	(ellos)	pidan
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

No. Keep going.

4. Does the verb end in -CAR, -GAR, or -ZAR?

Yes. Change spelling accordingly.

Verbs ending in -car / -gar / -zar will change as follows:

- car → -qu
- gar → -gu
- zar → -c

and skip to step 3.

buscar (to look for) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	busque	(nosotros)	busquemos
(tú)	busques	(vosotros)	busquéis
(él)	busque	(ellos)	busquen
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

llegar (to arrive) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	llegue	(nosotros)	lleguemos
(tú)	llegues	(vosotros)	lleguéis
(él)	llegue	(ellos)	lleguen
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

abrazar (to hug) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	abraze	(nosotros)	abracemos
(tú)	abraces	(vosotros)	abracéis
(él)	abraze	(ellos)	abracen
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

No. Keep going.

5. Does the verb not fit in any of the previous categories?

Start at step 1.

hablar (to talk, to speak) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	hable	(nosotros)	hablemos
(tú)	hables	(vosotros)	habléis
(él)	hable	(ellos)	hablen
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

comer (to eat) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	coma	(nosotros)	comamos
(tú)	comas	(vosotros)	comáis
(él)	coma	(ellos)	coman
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	

escribir (to write) Present Subjunctive

(yo)	escriba	(nosotros)	escribamos
(tú)	escribas	(vosotros)	escribáis
(él)	escriba	(ellos)	escriban
(ella)		(ellas)	
(usted)		(ustedes)	