



CONTAR CONJUGATIONS & USES

TO TELL, TO COUNT

SYNONYMS: DECIR, RELATAR, NUMERAR

Type	Irregular	Infinitive	Gerund	Past Participle
-AR	NO	Contar <i>to tell / to count</i>	Contando <i>telling / counting</i>	Contado <i>told / counted</i>

	Stem Changes	Subject Pronouns
Stem Changes	Present Tense: O to UE Present Subjunctive: O to UE Imperative: O to UE	Present: cuent (except 'nosotros' and 'vosotros') Present Subjunctive: cuent (All) Affirmative Imperative: cuent (except 'vosotros') Negative Imperative: cuent (All)

DEFINITIONS & EXAMPLES

CONTAR

#1 - Expressing that someone is telling something
(To tell)

Formula

[Indirect object pronoun] + ['Contar' conjugated]

¿Por qué le has contado?
Why have you told him?

Rocío **contaba** muy buenos chistes.
Rocío **used to tell** very good jokes.

#2 - Counting things or numbers
(To count)

Muchachos, **cuente**n bien su dinero.
Guys, **count** your money well.

El niño **cuenta** hasta diez.
The kid **counts** to ten.

#3 - To express something is valid or invalid
(To count)

Ojalá las tareas **contaran** menos.
I wish homework **counted** less.

El gol no **contó** porque estabas fuera de lugar.
The goal **didn't count** because you were offside.

Note: For simplicity and so that this isn't overly repetitive, each of the tenses will only show translations with the meaning of 'to tell'.

INDICATIVE CONJUGATIONS



SIMPLE INDICATIVE TENSES

CONTAR

Pronoun	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
Yo	Cuento I tell	Conté I told	Contaba I told / used to tell	Contaré I will tell	Contaría I would tell
Tú	Cuentas You tell	Contaste You told	Contabas You told / used to tell	Contarás You will tell	Contarías You would tell
Él / Ella Usted	Cuenta He/She tells	Contó He/She told	Contaba He/She told / used to tell	Contará He/She will tell	Contaría He/She would tell
Nosotros	Contamos We tell	Contamos We told	Contábamos We told / used to tell	Contaremos We will tell	Contaríamos We would tell
Vosotros	Contáis You tell	Contasteis You told	Contabais You told / used to tell	Contaréis You will tell	Contaríais You would tell
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Cuentan They/You tell	Contaron They/You told	Contaban They/You told / used to tell	Contarán They/You will tell	Contarían They/You would tell

PERFECT (COMPOUND) INDICATIVE TENSES

CONTAR

Pronoun	Present	Past	Future	Conditional
Yo	He contado I have told	Había contado I had told	Habré contado I will have told	Habría contado I would have told
Tú	Has contado You have told	Habías contado You had told	Habrás contado You will have told	Habrías contado You would have told
Él / Ella Usted	Ha contado He/She has told	Había contado He/She had told	Habrá contado He/She will have told	Habría contado He/She would have told
Nosotros	Hemos contado We have told	Habíamos contado We had told	Habremos contado We will have told	Habríamos contado We would have told
Vosotros	Habéis contado You have told	Habíais contado You had told	Habréis contado You will have told	Habríais contado You would have told
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Han contado They/You have told	Habían contado They/You had told	Habrán contado They/You will have told	Habrían contado They/You would have told

INDICATIVE & SUBJUNCTIVE



PROGRESSIVE (INDICATIVE) TENSES

CONTAR

Pronoun	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
Yo	Estoy contando I am telling	Estuve contando I was telling	Estaba contando I was telling	Estaría contando I will be telling	Estaré contando I would be telling
Tú	Estás contando You are telling	Estuviste contando You were telling	Estabas contando You were telling	Estarías contando You will be telling	Estarás contando You would be telling
Él / Ella Usted	Está contando He/She is telling	Estuvo contando He/She was telling	Estaba contando He/She was telling	Estaría contando He/She will be telling	Estará contando He/She would be telling
Nosotros	Estamos contando We are telling	Estuvimos contando We were telling	Estábamos contando We were telling	Estaríamos contando We will be telling	Estaremos contando We would be telling
Vosotros	Estáis contando You are telling	Estuvisteis contando You were telling	Estabais contando You were telling	Estaríais contando You will be telling	Estaréis contando You would be telling
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Están contando They/You are telling	Estuvieron contando They/You were telling	Estaban contando They/You were telling	Estarían contando They/You will be telling	Estarán contando They/You would be telling

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD TENSES

CONTAR

Pronoun	Present	Present Perfect	Imperfect (Castilian)	Imperfect (Latin American)	Past Perfect
Yo	Cuente I tell	Haya contado I tell	Contase I told	Contara I told	Hubiera contado I have
Tú	Cuentes You have	Hayas contado You have	Contases You had	Contaras You have	Hubieras contado You have
Él / Ella Usted	Cuente He/She has	Haya contado He/She has	Contase He/She has	Contara He/She has	Hubiera contado He/She has
Nosotros	Contemos We have	Hayamos contado We have	Contásemos We have	Contáramos We have	Hubiéramos contado We have
Vosotros	Contéis You have	Hayáis contado You have	Contaseis You have	N/A	Hubierais contado You have
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Cuenten They/You have	Hayan contado They/You have	Contasen They/You have	Contaran They/You have	Hubieran contado They/You have

IMPERATIVE CONJUGATIONS



IMPERATIVE MOOD TENSES

CONTAR

Pronoun	Affirmative Commands	Negative Commands
Tú	Cuenta Tell	No cuentes Don't tell
Usted	Cuente Tell	No cuente Don't tell
Vosotros	Contad Tell	No contéis Don't tell
Ustedes	Cuenten Tell	No contéis Don't tell

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