



COMENZAR CONJUGATIONS & USES

TO BEGIN/COMMENCE, TO START

SYNONYMS: EMPEZAR, INICIAR

Type	Irregular	Infinitive	Gerund	Past Participle
-AR	NO	Comenzar <i>To begin</i>	Comenzando <i>Beginning</i>	Comenzado <i>Begun</i>

	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
Stem Changes	Present: <i>comienz</i> for all subject pronouns except 'nosotros' and 'vosotros'. Preterite: <i>comenc</i> only for 'yo'.	Present: <i>comienc</i> for all subject pronouns except 'nosotros' and 'vosotros'.	Affirmative: <i>comienz</i> for 'tú' and <i>comienc</i> for 'usted' and 'ustedes'. Negative: <i>comienc</i> for all subject pronouns except 'vosotros'.

DEFINITIONS & EXAMPLES

COMENZAR

Talk about the start or beginning or something (action, thing, or event).

(To start / begin / commence)

Formula

[**'Comenzar' conjugated**] + [complement]

La película **comenzó** hace 10 minutos.
The movie **started** 10 minutes ago.

Todavía no **hemos comenzado** a comer.
We **haven't begun** to eat.

Espero que el concierto **comience** pronto.
I hope the concert **begins** soon.

Take Note: Comenzar + a + [infinitive verb](#) expresses that someone starts doing something.

INDICATIVE CONJUGATIONS



SIMPLE INDICATIVE TENSES

COMENZAR

Pronoun	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
Yo	Comienzo I begin	Comencé I began	Comenzaba I began / used to begin	Comenzaré I will begin	Comenzaría I would begin
Tú	Comienzas You begin	Comenzaste You began	Comenzabas You began / used to begin	Comenzarás You will begin	Comenzarías You would begin
Él / Ella Usted	Comienza He/She begins	Comenzó He/She began	Comenzaba He/She began / used to begin	Comenzará He/She will begin	Comenzaría He/She would begin
Nosotros	Comenzamos We begin	Comenzamos We began	Comenzábamos We began / used to begin	Comenzaremos We will begin	Comenzaríamos We would begin
Vosotros	Comenzáis You begin	Comenzasteis You began	Comenzabais You began / used to begin	Comenzaréis You will begin	Comenzaríais You would begin
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Comienzan They/You begin	Comenzaron They/You began	Comenzaban They/You began / used to begin	Comenzarán They/You will begin	Comenzarían They/You would begin

PERFECT (COMPOUND) INDICATIVE TENSES COMENZAR

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

INDICATIVE & SUBJUNCTIVE



PROGRESSIVE (INDICATIVE) TENSES COMENZAR

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

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD TENSES

COMENZAR

Pronoun	Present	Present Perfect	Imperfect (Castilian)	Imperfect (Latin American)	Past Perfect
Yo	Comience I begin	Haya comenzado I have begun	Comenzase I began	Comenzara I began	Hubiera comenzado I have begun
Tú	Comiences You begin	Hayas comenzado You have begun	Comenzases You began	Comenzaras You began	Hubieras comenzado You have begun
Él / Ella Usted	Comience He/She begins	Haya comenzado He/She has begun	Comenzase He/She began	Comenzara He/She began	Hubiera comenzado He/She has begun
Nosotros	Comencemos We begin	Hayamos comenzado We have begun	Comenzásemos We began	Comenzáramos We began	Hubiéramos comenzado We have begun
Vosotros	Comencéis You begin	Hayáis comenzado You have begun	Comenzaseis You began	N/A	Hubierais comenzado You have begun
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Comiencen They/You begin	Hayan comenzado They/You have begun	Comenzasen They/You began	Comenzaran They/You began	Hubieran comenzado They/You have begun

IMPERATIVE CONJUGATIONS



IMPERATIVE MOOD TENSES

COMENZAR

Pronoun	Affirmative Commands	Negative Commands
Tú	Comienza Begin	No comiences Don't begin
Usted	Comience Begin	No comience Don't begin
Vosotros	Comenzad Begin	No comencéis Don't begin
Ustedes	Comiencen Begin	No comiencen Don't begin

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