



DEBER CONJUGATIONS & USES

TO OWE, TO NEED/HAVE TO, SHOULD

SYNONYMS: **TENER QUE**, **NECESITAR**

Type	Irregular	Infinitive	Gerund	Past Participle
-ER	NO	Deber <i>To owe</i>	Debiendo <i>Owing</i>	Debido <i>Owed</i>

DEFINITION & EXAMPLES

DEBER

Depending on the context and parts of speech used in conjunction with 'deber', it can mean:

To owe, to have to, to need to, should, or must

Formula

[Deber conjugated] + [complement]

No **debí** haberles dicho nada.
I **shouldn't have** said anything to you.

Oye, todavía me **debes** cien dólares.
Hey, you still **owe** me one hundred dollars.

Si quieres ser más sano, **debes** comer bien y hacer ejercicio.
If you want to be healthier, you **must** eat well and exercise.

Take Note: When talking about owing something to someone, you must [use indirect object pronouns in Spanish](#). Also, notice that when expressing obligation, deber must be combined with an [infinitive verb](#).

INDICATIVE CONJUGATIONS



SIMPLE INDICATIVE TENSES

DEBER

Pronoun	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
Yo	Debo I owe	Debí I owed	Debía I owed / used to owe	Deberé I will owe	Debería I would owe
Tú	Debes You owe	Debiste You owed	Debías You owed / used to owe	Deberás You will owe	Deberías You would owe
Él / Ella Usted	Debe He/She owes	Debió He/She owed	Debía He/She owed / used to owe	Deberá He/She will owe	Debería He/She would owe
Nosotros	Debemos We owe	Debimos We owed	Debíamos We owed / used to owe	Deberemos We will owe	Deberíamos We would owe
Vosotros	Debéis You owe	Debisteis You owed	Debíais You owed / used to owe	Deberéis You will owe	Deberíais You would owe
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Deben They/You owe	Debieron They/You owed	Debían They/You owed / used to owe	Deberán They/You will owe	Deberían They/You would owe

PERFECT (COMPOUND) INDICATIVE TENSES

DEBER

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

INDICATIVE & SUBJUNCTIVE



PROGRESSIVE (INDICATIVE) TENSES

DEBER

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

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD TENSES

DEBER

Pronoun	Present	Present Perfect	Imperfect (Castilian)	Imperfect (Latin American)	Past Perfect
Yo	Deba I owe	Haya debido I have owed	Debiese I owed	Debiera I owed	Hubiera debido I have owed
Tú	Debas You owe	Hayas debido You have owed	Debieses You owed	Debieras You owed	Hubieras debido You have owed
Él / Ella Usted	Deba He/She owes	Haya debido He/She has owed	Debiese He/She owed	Debiera He/She owed	Hubiera debido He/She has owed
Nosotros	Debamos We owe	Hayamos debido We have owed	Debiésemos We owed	Debiéramos We owed	Hubiéramos debido We have owed
Vosotros	Debáis You owe	Hayáis debido You have owed	Debieseis You owed	N/A	Hubierais debido You have owed
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Deban They/You owe	Hayan debido They/You have owed	Debiesen They/You owed	Debieran They/You owed	Hubieran debido They/You have owed

IMPERATIVE CONJUGATIONS



IMPERATIVE MOOD TENSES

DEBER

Pronoun	Affirmative Commands	Negative Commands
Tú	Debe Owe	No debes Don't owe
Usted	Deba Owe	No deba Don't owe
Vosotros	Debed Owe	No debáis Don't owe
Ustedes	Deban Owe	No deban Don't owe

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