



EMPEZAR CONJUGATIONS & USES

TO START/BEGIN

SYNONYMS: **COMENZAR**, **INICIAR**

Type	Irregular	Infinitive	Gerund	Past Participle
-AR	NO	Empezar <i>To start</i>	Empezando <i>Starting</i>	Empezado <i>Started</i>

	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
Stem Changes	Present: <i>empiez</i> for all subject pronouns except 'nosotros' and 'vosotros'. Preterite: <i>empec</i> only for 'yo'.	Present: <i>empec</i> for 'nosotros' and 'vosotros', <i>empiec</i> for the remaining subject pronouns.	Affirmative: <i>empiez</i> for all subject pronouns except 'vosotros'. Negative: <i>empec</i> only for 'vosotros', <i>empiez</i> for the remaining subject pronouns.

DEFINITIONS & EXAMPLES

EMPEZAR

To express starting an activity
(To start/begin)

Formula

[Empezar conjugated] + [complement]

¿Ya la **empezaron** a ver?
Did you guys already **start** watching it?

Empecé a estudiar español hace tres años.
I **started** learning Spanish three years ago.

La reunión **empezará** a las 9 de la mañana.
The meeting **will start** at 9 in the morning.

Take Note: Use the formula *empezar + a + infinitive verb* to say that someone is starting to do an activity. If the verb you use takes a direct object (such as watching *something*, reading a *book*, etc), you can use direct object pronouns to replace that information.

INDICATIVE CONJUGATIONS



SIMPLE INDICATIVE TENSES

EMPEZAR

Pronoun	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
Yo	Empiezo I start	Empecé I started	Empezaba I started / used to start	Empezaré I will start	Empezaría I would start
Tú	Empiezas You start	Empezaste You started	Empezabas You started / used to start	Empezarás You will start	Empezarías You would start
Él / Ella Usted	Empieza He/She starts	Empezó He/She started	Empezaba He/She started / used to start	Empezará He/She will start	Empezaría He/She would start
Nosotros	Empezamos We start	Empezamos We started	Empezábamos We started / used to start	Empezaremos We will start	Empezaríamos We would start
Vosotros	Empezáis You start	Empezasteis You started	Empezabais You started / used to start	Empezaréis You will start	Empezaríais You would start
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Empiezan They/You start	Empezaron They/You started	Empezaban They/You started / used to start	Empezarán They/You will start	Empezarían They/You would start

PERFECT (COMPOUND) INDICATIVE TENSES

EMPEZAR

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

INDICATIVE & SUBJUNCTIVE



PROGRESSIVE (INDICATIVE) TENSES

EMPEZAR

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

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD TENSES

EMPEZAR

Pronoun	Present	Present Perfect	Imperfect (Castilian)	Imperfect (Latin American)	Past Perfect
Yo	Empiece I start	Haya empezado I have started	Empezase I started	Empezara I started	Hubiera empezado I have started
Tú	Empieces You start	Hayas empezado You have started	Empezases You started	Empezaras You started	Hubieras empezado You have started
Él / Ella Usted	Empiece He/She starts	Haya empezado He/She has started	Empezase He/She started	Empezara He/She started	Hubiera empezado He/She has started
Nosotros	Empecemos We start	Hayamos empezado We have started	Empezásemos We started	Empezáramos We started	Hubiéramos empezado We have started
Vosotros	Empecéis You start	Hayáis empezado You have started	Empezaseis You started	N/A	Hubierais empezado You have started
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Empiecen They/You start	Hayan empezado They/You have started	Empezasen They/You started	Empezaran They/You started	Hubieran empezado They/You have started

IMPERATIVE CONJUGATIONS



IMPERATIVE MOOD TENSES

EMPEZAR

Pronoun	Affirmative Commands	Negative Commands
Tú	Empieza Start	No empieces Don't start
Usted	Empiece Start	No empiece Don't start
Vosotros	Empezad Start	No empecéis Don't start
Ustedes	Empiecen Start	No empiecen Don't start

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