



# SERVIR CONJUGATIONS & USES

TO SERVE, TO BE USEFUL,  
TO USE

SYNONYMS: **FUNCIONAR**, **USAR**, **SACAR**, **SER**

| Type | Irregular | Infinitive                       | Gerund                             | Past Participle                 |
|------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| -IR  | NO        | <b>Servir</b><br><i>To serve</i> | <b>Sirviendo</b><br><i>Serving</i> | <b>Servido</b><br><i>Served</i> |

|              | Indicative  | Subjunctive  | Imperative  |
|--------------|---|--|---|
| Stem Changes | <b>Present:</b> <i>serv</i> for all subjects except 'nosotros' and 'vosotros'.<br><b>Preterite:</b> <i>serv</i> for the third-person singular and plural. | <b>Present:</b> <i>serv</i> for all subject pronouns.<br><b>Imperfect:</b> <i>servie</i> for all subject pronouns. | <b>Affirmative:</b> <i>serv</i> for all subject pronouns except 'vosotros'.<br><b>Negative:</b> <i>serv</i> for all subject pronouns. |

## DEFINITIONS & EXAMPLES

## SERVIR

Depending on the context, *servir* can mean:

- 1) *To serve*    2) *To be good (at) / to serve purpose / to be useful*
- 3) *To work/function*    4) *To use*

### Formula

[**Servir conjugated**] + [**complement**]

¿Por qué se la **serviste** fría?  
Why **did** you **serve** it cold?

¿Crees que esta batería **sirva**?  
Do you think this battery **works**?

Esta máquina **sirve** para hacer hielo.  
This machine **is used** to make ice.

¿Te **sirvió** lo que te dije?  
The thing I told you **was useful**?

**Take Note:** *Servir* works with [indirect object pronouns](#) when expressing that a person is serving something to another or when something is useful to someone. However, [direct object pronouns](#) must be used if you're replacing the thing being served (like soup).

# INDICATIVE CONJUGATIONS



## SIMPLE INDICATIVE TENSES

## SERVIR

| Pronoun                  | Present                  | Preterite                    | Imperfect                                  | Future                          | Conditional                       |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Yo                       | Sirvo<br>I serve         | Serví<br>I served            | Servía<br>I served / used to serve         | Serviré<br>I will serve         | Serviría<br>I would serve         |
| Tú                       | Sirves<br>You serve      | Serviste<br>You served       | Servías<br>You served / used to serve      | Servirás<br>You will serve      | Servirías<br>You would serve      |
| Él / Ella<br>Usted       | Sirve<br>He/She serves   | Sirvió<br>He/She served      | Servía<br>He/She served / used to serve    | Servirá<br>He/She will serve    | Serviría<br>He/She would serve    |
| Nosotros                 | Servimos<br>We serve     | Servimos<br>We served        | Servíamos<br>We served / used to serve     | Serviremos<br>We will serve     | Serviríamos<br>We would serve     |
| Vosotros                 | Servís<br>You serve      | Servisteis<br>You served     | Servíais<br>You served / used to serve     | Serviréis<br>You will serve     | Serviríais<br>You would serve     |
| Ellos / Ellas<br>Ustedes | Sirven<br>They/You serve | Sirvieron<br>They/You served | Servían<br>They/You served / used to serve | Servirán<br>They/You will serve | Servirían<br>They/You would serve |

## PERFECT (COMPOUND) INDICATIVE TENSES

## SERVIR

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

# INDICATIVE & SUBJUNCTIVE



## PROGRESSIVE (INDICATIVE) TENSES

## SERVIR

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

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD TENSES

## SERVIR

| Pronoun                  | Present                  | Present Perfect                       | Imperfect (Castilian)        | Imperfect (Latin American)   | Past Perfect                             |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Yo                       | Sirva<br>I serve         | Haya servido<br>I have served         | Sirviese<br>I served         | Sirviera<br>I served         | Hubiera servido<br>I have served         |
| Tú                       | Sirvas<br>You serve      | Hayas servido<br>You have served      | Sirvieses<br>You served      | Sirvieras<br>You served      | Hubieras servido<br>You have served      |
| Él / Ella<br>Usted       | Sirva<br>He/She serves   | Haya servido<br>He/She has served     | Sirviese<br>He/She served    | Sirviera<br>He/She served    | Hubiera servido<br>He/She has served     |
| Nosotros                 | Sirvamos<br>We serve     | Hayamos servido<br>We have served     | Sirviésemos<br>We served     | Sirviéramos<br>We served     | Hubiéramos servido<br>We have served     |
| Vosotros                 | Sirváis<br>You serve     | Hayáis servido<br>You have served     | Sirvieseis<br>You served     | N/A                          | Hubierais servido<br>You have served     |
| Ellos / Ellas<br>Ustedes | Sirvan<br>They/You serve | Hayan servido<br>They/You have served | Sirviesen<br>They/You served | Sirvieran<br>They/You served | Hubieran servido<br>They/You have served |

# IMPERATIVE CONJUGATIONS



## IMPERATIVE MOOD TENSES

## SERVIR

| Pronoun  | Affirmative Commands | Negative Commands         |
|----------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Tú       | Sirve<br>Serve       | No sirvas<br>Don't serve  |
| Usted    | Sirva<br>Serve       | No sirva<br>Don't serve   |
| Vosotros | Servid<br>Serve      | No serváis<br>Don't serve |
| Ustedes  | Sirvan<br>Serve      | No sirvan<br>Don't serve  |

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