



# SPANISH CONJUGATION 101: HOW TO CONJUGATE VERBS IN SPANISH



# WHAT IS CONJUGATING IN SPANISH?

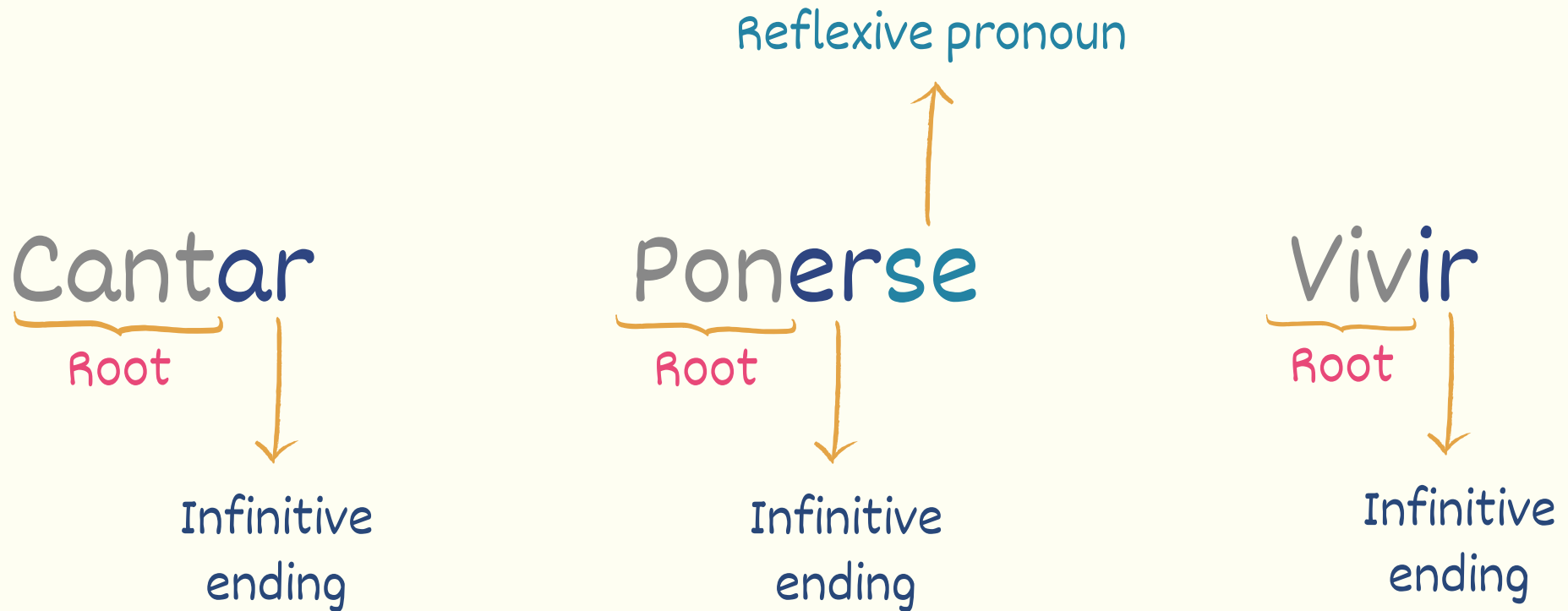
## KEY POINTS

- Conjugating means to **replace** the ending of an infinitive verb with a **conjugated** ending.
- A conjugated verb expresses **who** perform the action, **when** it happened, and whether that action **is real or not**.



Mis amigos **beben** mucho café.  
My friends **drink** a lot of coffee.

# PARTS OF A VERB IN SPANISH



# CONJUGATION TYPES IN SPANISH

Infinitive verbs in Spanish are verbs in their non-conjugated base form.

Infinitives are recognized by three endings:

## -AR VERBS

Cantar

Dejar

Hablar

## -ER VERBS

Beber

Comer

Correr

## -IR VERBS

Abrir

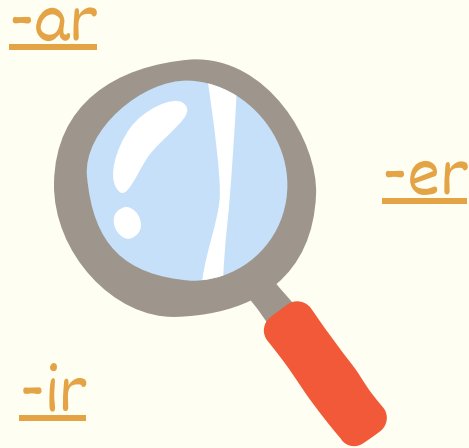
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# HOW TO CONJUGATE SPANISH VERBS

## STEP 1

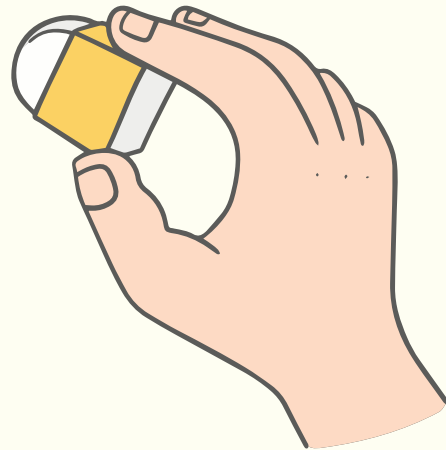
Identify the conjugation model.



Comer

## STEP 2

Remove the infinitive ending.



Com

## STEP 3

Replace with the proper conjugated ending.



Yo como

# KEY POINTS: CONJUGATING SPANISH VERBS

- Conjugated verbs **express** who performs the action, when it happens, and how factual that activity is.
- In Spanish, each subject **has its own** conjugation ending. Therefore, these pronouns can be omitted.
- Non-conjugated verbs **ending** with -AR, -ER, and -IR. These are different conjugation models.
- The root of a verb is attached to these endings.
- To conjugate in Spanish, you must **remove** the infinitive termination and **add** the proper ending to the verb's root.
- The stem of regular verbs **never changes**.
- As its name suggests, the root of **stem-changing verbs** has minor spelling modifications.
- Irregular verbs **have dramatic** changes in their stem and, sometimes, in their terminations.
- The second verb in a sentence can be a **gerund, past participle** or **infinitive**.

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