

Las conjugaciones de verbos –er y –ir

-In Spanish, infinitive verbs end in **-ar**, **-er**, or **-ir**. When a verb is in the infinitive form, it means “to (verb)”.

-In order to give the verb a subject, we must **conjugate** it. There are two steps to do this:

- 1) Remove the **-ar**, **-er**, or **-ir** ending.
- 2) Attach the appropriate ending based on the subject.

-We have already learned the **-ar** verb endings. They are:

-o	-amos
-as	-áis
-a	-an

-The verb endings for **-er** and **-ir** verbs are as follows. Notice that only the **nosotros** and **vosotros** forms are different from each other.

-ER Verbs

-o	-emos
-es	-éis
-e	-en

-IR Verbs

-o	-imos
-es	-ís
-e	-en

¡Practicamos!

Leer: **to read**

leo	leemos
lees	leéis
lee	leen

Abrir: **to open**

abro	abrimos
abres	abris
abre	abren

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El Verbo “Deber”

Deber: **to ought** (should)

debo **debemos**

debes **debéis**

debe **deben**

Just like any other verb, when we conjugate “deber” by giving it a subject, the verb that follows will be an **infinitive** (unconjugated) verb. The literal definition of “deber”, “**to ought**” lends itself well to the infinitive, as infinitives literally mean “**to**” do something.

¡A practicar!

1. You should not run in the house.

Tú no debes correr en la casa.

2. We ought to study for the test.

Nosotros debemos estudiar para el examen.

3. I should eat with my family.

Yo debo comer con mi familia.

4. My parents should open the windows.

Mis padres deben abrir las ventanas.

5. You all ought to answer the questions.

Vosotros debéis contestar las preguntas.

6. Your brother should learn to read.

Tu hermano debe aprender a leer.