

The definite article and the adjective must agree with the noun described

E.g. el dibujo es el idioma menos interesante - art is the least interesting subjects

el/la mejor, los/las mejores-the best

el/la peor, los/las peores -the worst

Pronouns

-subject= the person/thing doing the action (shown by the verb)

-object= the person/thing having the action (shown by the verb) done to it/them. Can be direct or indirect

| Subject pronoun | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| I | yo |
| you | tú |
| he/it | él |
| she/it | ella |
| we | nosotros/as |
| you | vosotros/as |
| they | ellos/ellas |

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| Direct object pronoun | |
| me | Me |

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| I am | Soy |
| You are | Eres |
| he/she/it is | es |
| We are | Somos |
| You are | Sois |
| They are | son |

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| Estar- to be | |
| I am | Estoy |
| You are | estás |
| he/she/it is | esta |
| We are | Estamos |
| You are | estáis |
| They are | Están |

Watch out - ser listo = to be clever

Estar listo = to be ready

The Gerund

The '-ing' form of the verb

To form the gerund:

-hablar - hablando

Comer- comiendo

Vivir-viviendo

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| ó | ió | ió |
| Amos | Imos | Imos |
| Asteis | Isteis | Isteis |
| aron | leron | leron |

Irregular preterite

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|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Ir Ser | hacer | ver |
| Fui | Hice | vi |
| Fuiste | Hiciste | viste |
| Fue | hizo | vio |
| Fuimos | Hicimos | vimos |
| Fuisteis | Hicisteis | Visteis |
| Fueron | hicieron | Vieron |

Useful irregular preterite forms

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|-------|--------|----------|
| andar | Anduve | I walked |
| dar | Di | I gave |
| decir | dije | I said |
| estar | Estuve | I was |
| poner | Puse | I put |
| saber | supe | I knew |
| tener | Tuve | I had |

Escribir - escrito written

Hacer- hecho done

Poner- puesto put

romper - roto broken

Ver- visto seen

Volver- vuelto returned

Giving instructions

The imperative

Changes form depending on:

-whether the command is positive or negative

-who receives the command

Commands can be given to one person (singular) or more than one person (plural). Can also be formal or informal

E.g. toma la primera calle a la izquierda - take the first street on the left

Poned la mesa - set the table

No tiréis basura al suelo- Don't throw rubbish on the floor

Positive commands

The tú command (informal singular) is formed by removing the -s from the tú form of the present tense

To give a formal command (usted or ustedes forms), always use the present subjunctive

-to form the present subjunctive, replace the -o ending of the 'I' form of the present tense

How to use the subjunctive

- To express doubt or uncertainty

E.g. no creo que tenga tiempo - I don't think I have time

-after ojalá

E.g. ojalá (que) nadie me vea - Let's hope no one sees me

-to express a wish with querer que

E.g. ¿quieres que vayamos? Do you want us to go?

-to deny information is true

E.g. no es verdad que sea adicto al ordenador - it isn't true that I'm a computer addict

-after cuando when talking about the future

E.g cuando sea mayor - when I'm older

| | -ar | -er | -ir |
|----------------|------|------|------|
| I | e | a | a |
| You (singular) | es | as | as |
| he/she/it | e | a | a |
| we | emos | Amos | Amos |