



### Present tense of *-ar* verbs (p. 84)

- An infinitive is the most basic form of a verb. In English, infinitives have the word "to" in front of them (to talk). In Spanish, infinitives end in *-ar*, *-er*, or *-ir*.
- The largest number of Spanish infinitives end in *-ar*: **hablar**, **cantar**, etc.
- To create the present tense of most of these verbs, drop the *-ar* from the stem: **habl-**, **cant-**, etc.
- Add the verb endings:

yo: add <b>-o</b> : <b>hablo</b>	nosotros/nosotras: add <b>-amos</b> : <b>hablamos</b>
tú: add <b>-as</b> : <b>hablas</b>	vosotros/vosotras: add <b>-áis</b> : <b>habláis</b>
usted/él/ella: add <b>-a</b> : <b>habla</b>	ustedes/ellos/ellas: add <b>-an</b> : <b>hablan</b>

**A.** Look at each verb form. Circle the ending. Follow the model.

**Modelo** estudia**o**

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| 1. hablas   | 6. patinamos |
| 2. nado     | 7. dibujan   |
| 3. canta    | 8. bailo     |
| 4. tocamos  | 9. pasan     |
| 5. trabajas | 10. escucha  |

**B.** Now, look at the same list of verb forms from **part A** and circle the subject pronoun that matches each verb.

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| 1. ( <b>usted</b> / <b>tú</b> ) hablas           | 6. ( <b>ellos</b> / <b>nosotras</b> ) patinamos |
| 2. ( <b>yo</b> / <b>ella</b> ) nado              | 7. ( <b>ustedes</b> / <b>nosotros</b> ) dibujan |
| 3. ( <b>usted</b> / <b>yo</b> ) canta            | 8. ( <b>yo</b> / <b>él</b> ) bailo              |
| 4. ( <b>nosotros</b> / <b>vosotros</b> ) tocamos | 9. ( <b>ellas</b> / <b>usted</b> ) pasan        |
| 5. ( <b>tú</b> / <b>usted</b> ) trabajas         | 10. ( <b>ella</b> / <b>ustedes</b> ) escucha    |