



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

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

Modelo estudi**á**

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