saber vs. conocer (to know)

Both verbs mean *'to know'* but are used differently.

Saber = to know how to do something (+infinitive verb ex: nadar)

*to know information/facts/school subjects etc.

Examples:

"I know how to swim." "She knows her multiplication facts." "Do you know what time you have to be at practice?"

Yo sé nadar.

Conocer = to know/to be familiar with someone or something, to know a person or to know a place

Examples:

"I know Pittsburgh very well, my sister lives there and we visit often."

"Do you know Mr. Ritter?" In Spanish we use "**a**" before the person.

¿Conoces a Sr. Ritter?

Here are the forms of each verb. The **yo** forms are very irregular!

Saber		Conocer (a+ person)	
yo sé	nosotros sabemos	yo conozco	nosotros conocemos
tú sabes	vosotros sabéis	tú conoces	vosotros conocéis
ella sabe	ellas saben	ella conoce	ellas conocen