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Conjugating Regular -AR Verbs in the Present Tense (Presente)

¡Hola! Welcome to a lesson on one of the most important elements of Spanish grammar: conjugating regular verbs ending in **-AR** in the present tense (**Presente de Indicativo**). This is a fundamental skill you'll need to master to talk freely about daily activities!

In Spanish, regular verbs behave very predictably. Once you learn a few endings, you'll be able to conjugate hundreds of verbs! We'll focus on those infinitives that end in **-AR**, such as *hablar* (to speak), *trabajar* (to work), and *estudiar* (to study).

How to Conjugate -AR Verbs

It's simple! To conjugate a regular verb ending in **-AR** in the present tense, just remove the **-AR** ending from the infinitive, and then add the correct ending for each subject pronoun. Take a look at the formula:

Subject + **Verb Stem** (without -AR) + **Ending**

For example, let's take the verb *hablar* (to speak). The stem is **habl-**. Now, let's add the endings:

Pronoun	Ending	Example (hablar)
yo	-o	yo habl o
tú	-as	tú habl as
él/ella/usted	-a	él/ella/usted habl a
nosotros/nosotras	-amos	nosotros habl amos
vosotros/vosotras	-áis	vosotros habl áis
ellos/ellas/ustedes	-an	ellos/ellas/ustedes habl an

Remember the endings! Just repeat them a few times: **O, AS, A, AMOS, ÁIS, AN**. This is your key to conjugating -AR verbs!

Examples in Context:

Yo estudio español cada día.
I study Spanish every day.

Ella trabaja en una oficina.
She works in an office.

Nosotros compramos comida en el mercado.
We buy food at the market.

Watch out for the subject! The verb ending **must always match the person** performing the action. If you're talking about yourself ("I"), use the **-o** ending. If it's "you" (singular informal), use **-as**, and so on. Remember that subject pronouns (*yo, tú, él, ella, nosotros, vosotros, ellos, ellas*) are often omitted in Spanish because

the verb ending already tells you who the subject is!

Yo hablo español.

~~Yo habla español.~~

For "yo" (I), we always use the ending **-o**, not **-a**.

- The present tense describes actions happening **now**, as well as **routine activities** or **facts** (e.g., *Yo vivo en España* – I live in Spain).
- Practise regularly! The more you conjugate and use these verbs, the sooner they'll become second nature to you. ¡Mucha suerte! (Good luck!)

Part 1 – Choose the correct word

Circle the option that correctly fills each gap.

1. Ellos _____ la televisión ahora.

They are watching television now.

- A) miramos B) miráis C) miran D) mira

2. Tú _____ café con leche.

You drink coffee with milk.

- A) tomamos B) tomo C) tomas D) toma

3. Él _____ con tarjeta de crédito.

He is paying by credit card.

- A) pagas B) paga C) pago D) pagan

4. Tú _____ el piano cada tarde.

You practise the piano every afternoon.

- A) practicas B) practicamos C) practica D) practico

5. Vosotros _____ muy rápido.

You speak very quickly.

- A) habláis B) hablas C) hablamos D) hablan

6. Tú _____ al trabajo todos los días.

You walk to work every day.

- A) camina B) camino C) caminamos D) caminas

7. Yo _____ la lección a los estudiantes.

I explain the lesson to the students.

- A) explico B) explicamos C) explica D) explicas

8. Yo _____ mi habitación todos los días.

I clean my room every day.

- A) limpiamos B) limpia C) limpio D) limpias

Part 2 – Fill in the gap

Write the missing word or phrase on the line.

1. Vosotros _____ el partido de fútbol.

You win the football match.

2. Tú _____ una canción bonita.

You sing a nice song.

3. Tú _____ español a tus amigos.

You teach Spanish to your friends.

4. Ella _____ tostadas y zumo.

She has breakfast: toast and juice.

5. Yo _____ mi mochila al colegio.

I carry my backpack to school.

6. Vosotros _____ las noticias del día.

You comment on the day's news.

Part 3 – Translate

Write each word in Spanish on the line.

1. enter › _____

2. to buy › _____

3. to visit › _____

4. to change › _____

5. to spend › _____

6. to listen › _____

Part 4 – Match the pairs

Write the letter of the matching translation next to each term.

Term	Translation
1. descansar	A to wash
2. necesitar	B to wait
3. felicitar	C use
4. lavar	D to prepare
5. trabajar	E to congratulate
6. esperar	F to work
7. usar	G rest
8. preparar	H to need

Answer Key

Part 1 – Choose the correct word

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| 1. C) miran | 5. A) habláis |
| 2. C) tomas | 6. D) caminas |
| 3. B) paga | 7. A) explico |
| 4. A) practicas | 8. C) limpio |

Part 2 – Fill in the gap

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| 1. ganáis | 4. desayuna |
| 2. cantas | 5. llevo |
| 3. enseñas | 6. comentáis |

Part 3 – Translate

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| 1. entrar | 4. cambiar |
| 2. comprar | 5. pasar |
| 3. visitar | 6. escuchar |

Part 4 – Match the pairs

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| 1. G (rest) | 5. F (to work) |
| 2. H (to need) | 6. B (to wait) |
| 3. E (to congratulate) | 7. C (use) |
| 4. A (to wash) | 8. D (to prepare) |