

Irregular verbs are verbs that don't follow the pattern that regular verbs do.



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There are 3 main types of irregular verbs in the present tense.

verbos irregulares en presente

1 Very irregular verbs

SER	IR	ESTAR
soy	voy	estoy
eres	vas	estás
es	va	está
somos	vamos	estamos
sois	vais	estáis
son	van	están

These verbs you just need to learn.

Thankfully, even these very irregular verbs have patterns to them.

2 Irregular verbs in the first person

These verbs are completely regular except for the first person (the 'yo' form).

Other examples are SABER (sé), CONOCER (conozco) and PONER (pongo).

DAR	HACER	SALIR
doy	hago	salgo
das	haces	sales
da	hace	sale
damos	hacemos	salimos
dais	hacéis	salís
dan	hacen	salen

3 Stem-changing verbs

As the name suggests, for stem changing verbs it's the stem that changes.

PENSAR E > IE

pienso pensamos
piensas pensáis
piensa piensan

VOLVER O > UE

vuelvo volvemos
vuelves volvéis
vuelve vuelven

Also known as 'sock verbs', the forms that change are inside the sock (the nosotros/as and vosotros/as forms don't change).

REPETIR E > I

repito repetimos
repites repetís
repite repiten

There are three types of stem changing verb:

E > IE, O > UE and E > I

Other common stem-changing verbs are: ENTENDER (E>IE), QUERER (E>IE), PODER (O>UE) and PEDIR (E>I).

Multitasking irregular verbs

Lastly, some verbs multitask – they are both irregular in the first person AND stem changing! Wowee. Good examples are VENIR (vengo, vienes, viene ...) and TENER (tengo, tienes, tiene ...)