



## Spanish Stem-Changing Verbs

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Infinitive	Meaning	Stem Change	Example	Translation
pensar	to think	e -> ie	Pienso en mi familia todos los días.	I think about my family every day.
querer	to want, to love	e -> ie	Quiero un café, por favor.	I want a coffee, please.
poder	to be able to, can	o -> ue	No puedo salir hoy.	I can't go out today.
dormir	to sleep	o -> ue	Mi bebé duerme mucho.	My baby sleeps a lot.
volver	to return, to come back	o -> ue	Vuelvo a casa a las seis.	I come back home at six.
pedir	to ask for, to order	e -> i	Pido agua en el restaurante.	I ask for water at the restaurant.
servir	to serve, to be useful	e -> i	Este cuchillo no sirve.	This knife is not useful.
preferir	to prefer	e -> ie	Prefiero té en la mañana.	I prefer tea in the morning.
sentir	to feel, to be sorry	e -> ie	Siento mucho tu problema.	I am very sorry about your problem.
empezar	to begin, to start	e -> ie	La clase empieza a las ocho.	The class starts at eight.
jugar	to play	u -> ue	Mis hijos juegan en el parque.	My children play in the park.
almorzar	to have lunch	o -> ue	Almuerzo con mis amigos hoy.	I have lunch with my friends today.
cerrar	to close	e -> ie	Cierro la ventana por la noche.	I close the window at night.
contar	to count; to tell	o -> ue	Cuento hasta diez.	I count to ten.
encontrar	to find; to meet	o -> ue	Encuentro mis llaves en la mesa.	I find my keys on the table.
recordar	to remember	o -> ue	Recuerdo tu nombre.	I remember your name.
costar	to cost	o -> ue	Este libro cuesta mucho.	This book costs a lot.
doler	to hurt; to ache	o -> ue	Me duele la cabeza.	My head hurts.
repetir	to repeat	e -> i	Repito la palabra despacio.	I repeat the word slowly.
seguir	to follow; to continue	e -> i	Sigo el mapa.	I follow the map.
vestir	to dress	e -> i	Me visto rápido.	I get dressed quickly.
tener	to have	e -> ie	Tengo dos hermanos.	I have two brothers.
venir	to come	e -> ie	Viene a casa a las ocho.	He comes home at eight.
decir	to say, to tell	e -> i	Ella dice la verdad.	She tells the truth.
entender	to understand	e -> ie	Entiendo la pregunta.	I understand the question.
acertar	to guess correctly, to get right	e -> ie	No acierto la respuesta.	I don't guess the answer correctly.
confesar	to confess	e -> ie	Ella confiesa su error.	She confesses her mistake.

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defender	to defend	e -> ie	Los abogados defienden al acusado.	The lawyers defend the accused.
encender	to light, to turn on	e -> ie	Enciendo la luz.	I turn on the light.
negar	to deny	e -> ie	Él niega todo.	He denies everything.
recomendar	to recommend	e -> ie	Te recomiendo este libro.	I recommend this book to you.
devolver	to return (something)	o -> ue	Devuelvo el vestido a la tienda.	I return the dress to the store.
envolver	to wrap	o -> ue	Envuelvo el regalo.	I wrap the gift.
morder	to bite	o -> ue	El perro muerde el hueso.	The dog bites the bone.
mostrar	to show	o -> ue	Te muestro mi casa.	I show you my house.
despedir	to say goodbye; to fire (from job)	e -> i	Ella despide a sus amigos en el aeropuerto.	She says goodbye to her friends at the airport.
reír	to laugh	e -> i	Nosotros nos reímos mucho.	We laugh a lot.
volar	to fly	o -> ue	Ellos vuelan a Madrid mañana.	They fly to Madrid tomorrow.
acostar	to put to bed	o -> ue	Yo acuesto a los niños a las ocho.	I put the children to bed at eight.
colgar	to hang	o -> ue	Cuelgo la chaqueta en el armario.	I hang the jacket in the closet.
rogar	to beg / to pray	o -> ue	Te ruego que me ayudes.	I beg you to help me.
freír	to fry	e -> i	Frío los huevos en la sartén.	I fry the eggs in the pan.
divertir	to entertain / to have fun	e -> ie	Ellos se divierten en la fiesta.	They have fun at the party.
convertir	to convert / to become	e -> ie	El agua se convierte en hielo.	Water turns into ice.
hervir	to boil	e -> ie	El agua hierve a 100 grados.	Water boils at 100 degrees.
comenzar	to begin	e:ie	Comenzamos a estudiar a las ocho.	We begin studying at eight.
despertarse	to wake up	e:ie	Me despierto temprano todos los días.	I wake up early every day.
morir	to die	o:ue	El héroe muere al final de la película.	The hero dies at the end of the movie.
probar	to try, to taste	o:ue	Pruebo la sopa para ver si necesita sal.	I taste the soup to check if it needs salt.
soler	to usually do	o:ue	Suelo leer antes de dormir.	I usually read before sleeping.
mover	to move	o:ue	Muevo los muebles para limpiar.	I move the furniture to clean.
conseguir	to get, to obtain	e:i	Consigo boletos para el concierto.	I get tickets for the concert.
corregir	to correct	e:i	La maestra corrige los exámenes.	The teacher corrects the exams.
elegir	to choose, to elect	e:i	Eliges el menú para la cena.	You choose the menu for dinner.

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rendir	to surrender, to yield, to perform	e:i	Me rindo; esto es demasiado difícil.	I give up; this is too difficult.
teñir	to dye	e:i	Tiño mi camiseta de azul.	I dye my T-shirt blue.
sonar	to sound, to ring	o:ue	El teléfono suena en la noche.	The phone rings at night.