

# Irregular Verbs – Present Tense

## Stem-Changing Verbs

The endings are normal ... it's the STEM that changes!

**e → ie**

pensar  
(to think)

pienso	piensamos
piensas	piensáis
piensa	piensan

empezar (to begin, to start)  
perder (to lose)  
preferir (to prefer)  
sentir (se) (to feel)  
sentar (se) (to sit down)  
entender (to understand)  
divertir (se) (to enjoy oneself)  
querer (to want, to wish)  
nevar (to snow)

**o → ue**

poder  
(to be able, can)

puedo	podemos
puedes	podéis
puede	pueden

doler (to ache, to hurt)  
contar (to count, to relate, to tell)  
dormir (to sleep)  
encontrar (to meet, to find)  
volver (to return, to go back)  
recordar (to remember, to remind)  
costar (to cost)  
acostar (se) (to go to bed, to lie down)  
llover (to rain)

**u → ue**

jugar  
(to play [a game or sport])

juego	jugamos
juegas	jugáis
juega	juegan

**e → i**

pedir  
(to ask for, to request)

pido	pedimos
pides	pedís
pide	piden

vestirse (to dress oneself, to get dressed)  
servir (to serve)