



### Spanish In Mexico Notes: 10-2 Expressing Knowledge

As we visited Morelia, we learned how to conjugate the verb *saber*, which means ‘to know.’ *Saber* is an irregular verb. The five present tense conjugations of *saber* are:

yo	sé	nosotros	sabemos
tú	sabes		
él/ella/Ud.	sabe	ellos/ellas/Uds.	saben

To express what someone knows how to do, use the verb *saber* followed by a verb in the infinitive. For example:

Yo **sé** trabajar. – I know how to work.

Tú **sabes** vender sombreros. – You know how to sell hats.

Ella **sabe** correr. – She knows how to run.

Nosotros **sabemos** estudiar. – We know how to study.

Ellos **saben** pescar. – They know how to fish.

#### Additional Information:

To express knowledge of facts or information, use the verb *saber*. If someone tells you something that you already know, an appropriate response is:

Yo sé. – I know.

If someone asks you a question to which you do not know the answer, a typical response is:

Yo no sé. – I don’t know.

This is often shortened to:

No sé. – I don’t know.

#### Vocabulary:

trabajar – to work

vender – to sell

hacer – to make

proteger – to protect

sonreír – to smile

### **Extended Vocabulary:**

la tela – fabric  
originalmente – originally  
el ancestro – ancestor  
el rebozo – shawl  
el urdimbre - warp  
el bastidor – frame  
el hilo – thread  
contar – to count  
la prenda – article of clothing  
la blusa - blouse  
la medida – measurement  
laborioso – laborious  
complicado – complicated  
el dedo - finger  
el dedo gordo – thumb  
el secreto – secret  
la gente – people  
preparar – to prepare  
estudiar – to study  
el examen – exam  
el pedazo – piece  
el par - pair