



### Spanish In Mexico Notes: 5-3 Conjugating –ER Verbs

As we continued our tour of Guadalajara, we learned how to conjugate **er** verbs in the present tense. When conjugating regular **er** verbs, the stem remains the same. The end of the verb changes depending on the tense, and whether the subject is singular or plural.

The following verbs are in their **infinitive** form. Infinitives in English usually include the word *to*: *to eat, to learn, to drink, etc.* Spanish infinitives end with **ar, er** or **ir**. The verbs we learned in this module are all regular **er** verbs.

INFINITIVO	INFINITIVE	STEM
Creer	To Believe	Cre-
Comer	To Eat	Com-
Leer	To Read	Le-
Responder	To Reply	Respond-
Aprender	To Learn	Aprend-
Beber	To Drink	Beb-
Correr	To Run	Corr-
Vender	To Sell	Vend-

The five present-tense conjugations of *creer* are:

yo	<b>creo</b>	nosotros	<b>creemos</b>
tú	<b>crees</b>		
él/ella/Ud.	<b>cree</b>	ellos/ellas/Uds.	<b>creen</b>

Yo creo – I believe  
Tú crees – You believe  
Él/ella/Ud. cree – He believes, she believes, you believe  
Nosotros creemos – We believe  
Ellos/ellas/Uds. creen – They believe, you all believe

By replacing the stem, we can conjugate any regular **er** verb in the same way. For example:

yo	<b>como</b>	nosotros	<b>comemos</b>
tú	<b>comes</b>		
él/ella/Ud.	<b>come</b>	ellos/ellas/Uds.	<b>comen</b>

Yo como – I eat  
Tú comes – You eat  
Él/Ella/Ud. come – He eats, she eats, you eat

Nosotros comemos – We eat  
Ellos/Ellas/Uds. comen – They eat, you all eat

### **Additional Information:**

To review, the *usted* (abbreviated *Ud.*) form of a verb replaces the *tú* form in order to show respect. In many parts of the Spanish-speaking world, *Ud.* is used more frequently than *tú*, though both forms are used and understood everywhere. For example:

Ud. bebe el agua – You drink the water.

Ud. lee un libro – You read a book.

*Ustedes* (abbreviated as *Uds.*) translates to “you all” and is used in both formal and non-formal situations in Latin American Spanish. In Spain, *vosotros* (a 6<sup>th</sup> form for verbs) is used in non-formal situations, while *Uds.* is only used in formal situations.

Uds. venden ropa – You all sell clothes.

Uds. aprenden español – You all learn Spanish.

### **Vocabulary:**

creer – to believe

comer – to eat

leer – to read

responder – to reply

aprender – to learn

beber – to drink

correr – to run

vender – to sell

### **Extended Vocabulary:**

primero/a - first

segundo/a – second

famoso/a – famous

fuerte – strong

la figura – figure

contra – against

el puño – fist

la ilusión óptica – optical illusion

la obra – work

el tema – theme

la conquista – conquest

violento/a - violent