



Spanish In Mexico Notes: 6-3 Conjugating –IR Verbs

As we passed by Elizabeth Taylor’s house in Puerto Vallarta, we learned how to conjugate **ir** verbs in the present tense. When conjugating these 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 live, to write, to open, etc.* Spanish infinitives end with **ar, er** or **ir**. The verbs we learned in this module are all **ir** verbs.

INFINITIVO	INFINITIVE	STEM
Vivir	To Live	Viv-
Prohibir	To Prohibit	Prohib-
Escribir	To Write	Escrib-
Abrir	To Open	Abr-
Describir	To Describe	Describ-
Subir	To Climb	Sub-

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

yo	vivo	nosotros	vivimos
tú	vives		
él/ella/Ud.	vive	ellos/ellas/Uds.	viven

Yo vivo – I live

Tú vives – You live

Él/ella/Ud. vive – He lives, she lives, you live

Nosotros vivimos – We live

Ellos/ellas/Uds. viven – They live, you all live

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

yo	abro	nosotros	abrimos
tú	abres		
él/ella/Ud.	abre	ellos/ellas/Uds.	abren

Yo abro – I open

Tú abres – You open

Él/Ella/Ud. abre – He opens, she opens, you open

Nosotros abrimos – We open

Ellos/Ellas/Uds. abren – They open, you all open

Additional Information:

The endings for regular IR verbs in the present tense are very similar to the endings for regular ER verbs in the present tense. The only difference is in the *nosotros* form, where the ending for IR verbs is *-imos* and the ending for ER verbs is *-emos*.

Vocabulary:

vivir – to live
prohibir – to prohibit
escribir – to write
abrir – to open
describir – to describe

Extended Vocabulary

el actor – actor
el cumpleaños – birthday
la propiedad – property
el museo – museum
abierto/a – open
el dueño – owner
la pelea – fight
la mentira – lie
castigado/a – punished
la película – film
la cuadra - block