

Spanish Stem-Changing Verbs

e→ie

o→ue

u→ue

Los verbos que cambian e→ie

1.**Tener

- To have

2.Querer

- To want

3.Pensar

- To think

4.Empezar

- To begin (start)

5.Comenzar

- To begin (start)

6.Perder

- To lose

Verb endings

- If a verb ends in –ar, you add:
 - o
 - as
 - a
 - amos
 - an

Verb endings

- If a verb ends in –er, you add:
 - o
 - es
 - e
 - emos
 - en
- if a verb ends in –ir, you add:
 - o
 - es
 - e
 - *imos*
 - en

- So, since “querer” ends en “er” (querer), which endings will we add?
- The “er” endings:
 - o
 - es
 - e
 - emos
 - en

Querer

quer**o**

quer**emos**

quer**es**

quer**e**

quer**en**

Now, let's add our stem change.

- Remember, only the e in the stem can change.
- querer
- perder
- If there are two e's in the stem, the *second* one always changes.
- preferir
- empezar

- Now let's change the stems.
- Remember, e can change to ie in all forms EXCEPT nosotros!!!

Querer

quier o

quer emos

quier es

quier e

quier en

The *u*→*ue* and *o*→*ue* verbs work the same way.

- 7. Poder • to be able to (can)
- 8.*Jugar • to play
- 9.Dormir • to sleep
- 10.Soñar • to dream
- 11.Volver • to return (to a place)
- 12.Devolver • to return (a thing)

First, find the o or u in the stem that
is going to change

- Poder
- Jugar
- Dormir
- Soñar
- Volver
- Devolver

Then, decide which verb endings you will use.

- For jugar:

- o
- as
- a
- amos
- an

- For poder:

- o
- es
- e
- emos
- en

Then change it in the boot

juego

jugamos

juegas

juega

juegan

Poder

pued o

pod emos

puedes

pued e

pueden

Querer y Preferir ***(to want and to prefer)***

In Spanish, the querer is used to express desire, and the preferir is used to express preference.

Examples:

Ella quiere una naranja.	Yo prefiero una manzana.
She wants an orange.	I prefer an apple.

Conjugate the following verbs:

1.Tener

2.Pensar

4.Empezar

5.Comenzar

6.Perder

7.Dormir

8.Soñar

9.Volver

10.Devolver