

Did You Get It? Presentación de gramática

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Goal: Learn the forms of **-ar** verbs.

The Present Tense

• Present Tense of -ar verbs

Read and study the present tense conjugation of the **-ar** verb **comprar**, paying special attention to the highlighted letters.

Yo compro un libro.	<i>I buy a book.</i>
Tú compras un libro.	<i>You buy a book.</i>
Él/Ella/Usted compra un libro.	<i>He/She/You buy(s) a book.</i>
Nosotros(as) compramos un libro.	<i>We buy a book.</i>
Vosotros(as) compráis un libro.	<i>You (plural) buy a book.</i>
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes compran un libro.	<i>They/You (plural) buy a book.</i>

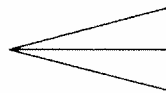
EXPLANATION: Unlike in English, the ending of a verb in Spanish expresses who is doing the action. For most verbs with infinitives ending in **-ar**, simply remove the **-ar** and add one of these endings, depending on the subject is: **-o** for I, **-as** for you (singular), **-a** for he, she, you, **-amos** for we, **-áis** for you plural (only in Spain), and **-an** for they or you (plural).

• Using the Present Tense

Look at the following present-tense form of the first person singular of the verb **hablar**.

Pay special attention to the English translations.

Yo estudio español.



- I study Spanish.*
- I am studying Spanish.*
- I do study Spanish.*

EXPLANATION: The Spanish form of the present tense can be used to express three different ideas in English.