

Did You Get It? Presentación de gramática

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Goal: Learn about stem-changing verbs.

Stem-changing verbs: e → i

- Study the following sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

Yo **sirvo** el desayuno. (*I **serve** breakfast.*)

Tú **sirves** el almuerzo. (*You **serve** lunch.*)

El camarero **sirve** la cena. (*The waiter **serves** dinner.*)

Lupe y yo **servimos** el plato principal. (*Lupe and I **serve** the main dish.*)

Vosotros **servís** las verduras. (*You **serve** the vegetables.*)

Ellos **sirven** las bebidas. (*They **serve** the beverages.*)

- Study these sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

Yo **pido** un bistec. (*I **ask for** a beef steak.*)

Tú **pides** un pollo. (*You **ask for** chicken.*)

Linda **pide** un pescado. (*Linda **asks for** fish.*)

Nilda y yo **pedimos** una ensalada. (*Nilda and I **ask for** a salad.*)

Álvaro y tú **pedís** unas verduras. (*Álvaro and you **ask for** vegetables.*)

Mis padres **piden** la cuenta. (*My parents **ask for** the bill.*)

EXPLANATION: Another stem change in the present tense is e to i. It occurs in every form except **nosotros(as)** and **vosotros(as)**. Study the chart below and use it as a quick reference for the conjugation of **servir** and **pedir**.

Infinitive	servir (to serve)	pedir (to ask for)
yo	sirvo I serve	pido I ask for
tú	sirves you serve	pides you ask for
él/ella/usted	sirve he/she/you serve(s)	pide he/she/you ask(s) for
nosotros(as)	servimos we serve	pedimos we ask for
vosotros(as)	servís you serve	pedís you ask for
ellos/ellas/ustedes	sirven they/you serve	piden they/you ask for