

Spanish Language and Culture 10

Subject-Verb Agreement Review

This is how the verb to speak is conjugated in English.

to speak			
I	spea k	We	spea k
You	spea k	You	spea k
He, She, It	spea ks	They	spea k

In English, we see a difference in the third person singular: he, she, which is the **s**.

In Spanish, there are different endings for each person. To conjugate the verb, first we take off the ending of the verb. In this case is **–ar**, and we are left with the **stem**.

For example: the verb **hablar**, we take off **–ar** and the stem is **habl**. To this stem, we add the new endings and each person has its own ending.

hablar → to speak			
Yo	habl__	Nosotros/Nosotras	habl__
Tú	habl__	Vosotros/Vosotras	habl__
Él - he	habl__	Ellos - they	habl__
Ella - she	habl__	Ellas - they	habl__
Usted - you	habl__	Ustedes – you guys	habl__

Remember that **Yo hablo** can be used as **I speak** or **I am speaking**.

Now you try it. Here are the verbs **escuchar** and **estudiar**. Conjugate these verbs in the tables below on your paper. When you are finished, go to the course to see the answers.

escuchar → to listen			
Yo		Nosotros/Nosotras	
Tú		Vosotros/Vosotras	
Él/Ella		Ellos/Ellas	
Usted		Ustedes	

Now do this one without looking at anything to help you – you need to get these in your long term memory.

estudiar → ____			
Yo		Nosotros/Nosotras	
Tú		Vosotros/Vosotras	
Él/Ella/Usted		Ellos/Ellas/Uds	

How about a few practice sentences:

- We are listening to music.
- My friends (Mis amigos) are talking a lot. (mucho)
- You are studying Spanish? Yes, I study Spanish a lot!