In **Lección 2**, you learned how to form the present tense of regular **-ar** verbs. You also learned about the importance of verb forms, which change to show who is performing the action. Now you will learn the forms of verbs from two other important verb groups, **-er** verbs and **-ir** verbs.

	Present tense of -er and -ir verbs			
		comer (to	eat) escrib <mark>ir</mark> (to v	vrite)
	уо	com <mark>o</mark>	escrib o	
SINGULAR FORMS	tú	com <mark>es</mark>	escrib es	
	Ud./él/ella	com <mark>e</mark>	escrib <mark>e</mark>	
	nosotros/as	com <mark>emos</mark>	escrib <mark>imos</mark>	
PLURAL FORMS	vosotros/as	com <mark>éis</mark>	escrib ís	
	Uds./ellos/ellas	com <mark>en</mark>	escrib <mark>en</mark>	

-Er and -ir verbs have very similar endings. You can detect patterns that make it easier for you to use them to communicate in Spanish.





Like -ar verbs, the yo forms of -er and -ir verbs end in -o.

Yo como.

Yo escribo.

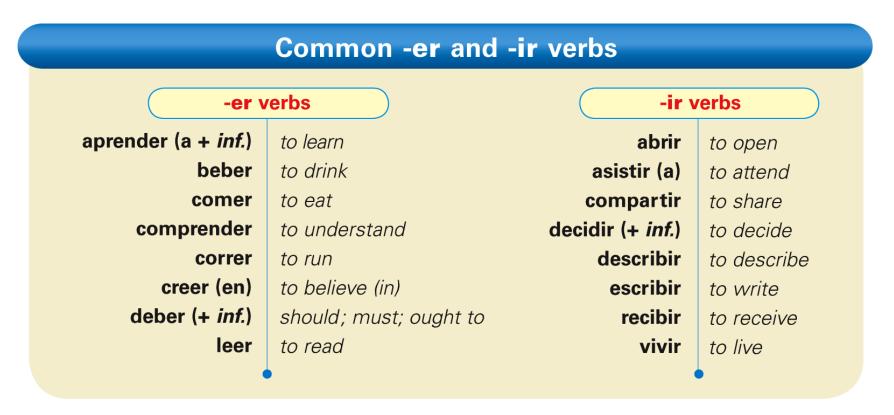
Except for the yo form, all of the verb endings for -er verbs begin with -e.



-Er and -ir verbs have the exact same endings, except in the nosotros/as and vosotros/as forms.

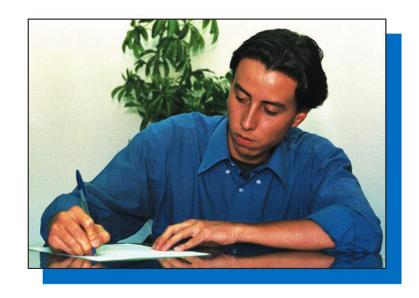








Ellos **corren** en el parque.



Él escribe una carta.



Provide the appropriate present tense forms of these verbs. The first item in each column has been done for you.

correr

- 1. Graciela <u>corre</u>.
- 2. Tú .
- 3. Yo _____.
- 4. Sara y Ana _____.
- 5. Usted .
- 6. Ustedes _____.
- 7. La gente _____.
- 8. Marcos y yo _____.

abrir

- 1. Ellos <u>abren</u> la puerta.
- 2. Carolina la maleta.
- 3. Yo _____ las ventanas.
- 4. Nosotras _____ los libros.
- 5. Usted el cuaderno.
- 6. Tú ____ la ventana.
- 7. Ustedes _____ las maletas.
- 8. Los muchachos _____ los cuadernos.



Provide the appropriate present tense forms of these verbs. The first item in each column has been done for you. (cont'd)

aprender

- 1. Él <u>aprende</u> español.
- 2. Maribel y yo ____ inglés.
- 3. Tú _____ japonés.
- 4. Tú y tu hermanastra _____ francés.
- 5. Mi hijo ____ chino.
- 6. Yo _____ alemán.
- 7. Usted ____ inglés.
- 8. Nosotros italiano.