

4.4 Verbs with irregular **yo** forms

ANTE TODO In Spanish, several verbs have irregular **yo** forms in the present tense. You have already seen three verbs with the **-go** ending in the **yo** form: **decir → digo**, **tener → tengo**, and **venir → vengo**.

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- ▶ Here are some common expressions with **decir**.

decir la verdad

to tell the truth

decir que

to say that

decir mentiras

to tell lies

decir la respuesta

to say the answer

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- ▶ The verb **hacer** is often used to ask questions about what someone does. Note that, when answering, **hacer** is frequently replaced with another, more specific, action verb.

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	hacer <i>(to do; to make)</i>	poner <i>(to put; to place)</i>	salir <i>(to leave)</i>	suponer <i>(to suppose)</i>	traer <i>(to bring)</i>
SINGULAR FORMS	hago	pongo	salgo	supongo	traigo
	haces	pones	sales	supones	traes
	hace	pone	sale	supone	trae
PLURAL FORMS	hacemos	ponemos	salimos	suponemos	traemos
	hacéis	ponéis	salís	suponéis	traéis
	hacen	ponen	salen	suponen	traen

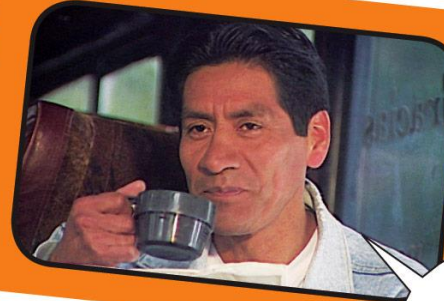
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¿Qué haces los fines de semana?



Salgo con mis amigos y practico deportes.



Yo no salgo, prefiero poner la televisión y ver películas.

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- ▶ **Poner** can also mean to *turn on* a household appliance.

Carlos **pone** la radio.
Carlos turns on the radio.

María **pone** la televisión.
María turns on the television.

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- ▶ **Salir de** is used to indicate that someone is leaving a particular place.

Hoy **salgo del** hospital.
Today I leave the hospital.

Sale de la clase a las cuatro.
He leaves class at four.

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- ▶ **Salir para** is used to indicate someone's destination.

Mañana **salgo para** México.
Tomorrow I leave for Mexico.

Hoy **salen para** España.
Today they leave for Spain.

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- ▶ **Salir con** means *to leave with someone or something, or to date someone*.

Alberto **sale con** su mochila.
Alberto is leaving with his backpack.

Margarita **sale con** Guillermo.
Margarita is going out with Guillermo.

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The verbs *ver* and *oír*

- ▶ The verb **ver** (*to see*) has an irregular **yo** form. The other forms of **ver** are regular.

The verb **ver** (*to see*)

Singular forms

yo	veo
tú	ves
Ud./él/ella	ve

Plural forms

nosotros/as	vemos
vosotros/as	veis
Uds./ellos/ellas	ven

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- ▶ The verb **oír** (*to hear*) has an irregular **yo** form and the spelling change **i → y** in the **tú**, **usted**, **él**, **ella**, **ustedes**, **ellos**, and **ellas** forms. The **nosotros/as** and **vosotros/as** forms have an accent mark.

The verb **oír** (*to hear*)

Singular forms

yo	oigo
tú	oyes
Ud./él/ella	oye

Plural forms

nosotros/as	oímos
vosotros/as	oís
Uds./ellos/ellas	oyen

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- ▶ While most commonly translated as *to hear*, **oír** is also used in contexts where English would use *to listen*.

Oigo a unas personas en la otra sala.
I hear some people in the other room.

¿**Oyes** la radio por la mañana?
Do you listen to the radio in the morning?

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¡INTÉNTALO!

**Provide the appropriate forms of these verbs.
The first item has been done for you.**

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| 1. salir | Isabel <u>sale</u> . | Nosotros _____. | Yo _____. |
| 2. ver | Yo _____. | Uds. _____. | Tú _____. |
| 3. poner | Rita y yo _____. | Yo _____. | Los niños _____. |
| 4. hacer | Yo _____. | Tú _____. | Ud. _____. |
| 5. oír | Él _____. | Nosotros _____. | Yo _____. |
| 6. traer | Ellas _____. | Yo _____. | Tú _____. |
| 7. suponer | Yo _____. | Mi amigo _____. | Nosotras _____. |