

## -AR Verb Notes:

- There are 3 types of verbs in Spanish.
- The ending on the verb tells you what type of verb it is.
- There are: -AR verbs, -ER verbs and -IR verbs (Trabajar, Comer and Vivir)
- Verbs in Spanish state an action AND who is performing the action.
- There are two states to each verb. The 1<sup>st</sup> state of the verb is the Infinitive state. The 2<sup>nd</sup> state of the verb is after it is changed to reflect who is performing the action of the verb and is called a Conjugated verb.
- Before a verb is changed to reflect who is performing the action it is called a Verb in the Infinitive.
- A verb in the Infinitive means "To Do" something (Trabajar= To work / Comer= To eat / Vivir= To live)
- A verb in the Infinitive has an -AR, -ER or -IR ending on or attached to it.
- To Conjugate a verb means to change it to reflect who is performing the action. After a verb is conjugated it no longer has the -AR, -ER or -IR ending on it.

- Conjugation involves taking the stem of the verb and adding a subject pronoun ending to it. The Stem of the verb is what is left after the -AR, -ER or -IR ending is dropped.
- Subject Pronoun ending tells you "who" is performing the action.

### To Conjugate a Verb:

1. Drop the -AR, -ER or -IR ending from the verb.
2. When drop the ending you are left with the **STEM** of the verb.
3. Add the stem to the appropriate Subject Pronoun endings.

### Regular -AR verb Conjugation

1. Start with a verb in the infinitive. **EX:**  
**Trabajar**
2. Drop the -AR from the ending. Now you have the stem of the verb. **EX:** **Trabajar becomes TRABAJ = stem**
3. Add the stem to the Subject Pronoun endings for -AR verbs.

## Subject Pronoun Endings:

### Singular

Yo = O

Tú = AS

Él/Ella/Ud. = A

### Plural

Nosotros(as) = AMOS

Vosotros(as) = ÁIS

Ellos/Ellas/Uds. = AN

- When you add the stem TRABAJ to the "O" you get **TRABAJO** = I work / I am working.
- When you add the stem TRABAJ to the "AS" you get **TRABAJAS** = You work / You are working.
- When you add the stem TRABAJ to the "A" you also need to clarify which subject you want. **Él TRABAJA** = He works / He is working . **Ella TRABAJA** = She works/She is working. **Usted TRABAJA** = You work/You are working (When you are speaking formally).
- When you add the stem TRABAJ to the "AMOS" you get **TRABAJAMOS** = We work/We are working.
- When you add the stem TRABAJ to the "ÁIS" you get **TRABAJÁIS** = All of you work/All of you are working.
- When you add the stem TRABAJ to the "AN" you also need to clarify which subject you

want. Ellos TRABAJAN = They work/They are working. Ellas TRABAJAN = They work/They are working. Ustedes TRABAJAN = You work/You are working (When You are speaking formally to more than one person).