Your notes

KS3 Spanish: revision notes

Grammar: the present tense

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Subject pronouns

- yo (I), tú (you, to one friend), él (he), ella (she), **usted** (you, polite), **nosotros** / nosotras (we), vosotros / vosotras (you, to several friends, in Spain), **ellos** / ellas (they), ustedes (you, to several people politely, or in Latin America).
- Spanish often leaves out the pronoun, because the verb ending shows who is doing the action: hablo means I speak.

Regular verbs

- -ar verbs: **hablar**: hablo, hablas, habla, hablamos, habláis, hablan.
- -er verbs: comer: como, comes, come, comemos, coméis, comen.
- -ir verbs: vivir: vivo, vives, vive, vivimos, vivís, viven.

Key irregular verbs

- ser (to be): soy, eres, es, somos, sois, son. **estar** (to be, for location and feelings): estoy, estás, está, estamos, estáis, están.
- **tener** (to have): tengo, tienes, tiene, tenemos, tenéis, tienen.
- ir (to go): voy, vas, va, vamos, vais, van. hacer (to do or make): hago, haces, hace...

Negatives and questions

- Put no before the verb: no juego (I don't play).
- Questions start with ¿ and end with ?: ¿Te gusta el deporte? (do you like sport?)
- Question words: ¿Dónde? (where), ¿Cuándo? (when), ¿Por qué? (why), ¿Quién? (who), ¿Cómo? (how), ¿Cuánto? (how much), ¿Qué? (what).

Key terms

yo	I

tú	you (one friend)
usted	you (polite)
nosotros	we
ellos	they
ser	to be (who or what someone is)
estar	to be (where someone is, or how they feel)
tener	to have
ir	to go
hablar	to speak
no	not
¿Por qué?	Why?

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. What is the "yo" form of "hablar"?
2. What is the "nosotros" form of "hablar"?
3. What is the "yo" form of "comer"?
4. What is the "ellos" form of "vivir"?
5. What is the "yo" form of "tener"?
6. What is the "tú" form of "ser"?
7. How do you say "I don't play" in Spanish?
8. What does "¿Dónde?" mean?

Answers

1. hablo
2. hablamos
3. como
4. viven
5. tengo
6. eres
7. No juego
8. Where?

What to do next

Practise 12 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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