

Toco, vivo / Quiero dormir

Regular present forms and wanting to do something

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Regular verbs: use the ending for the person

The dictionary form is the **infinitive**: **tocar** (play an instrument), **vivir** (live) and **dormir** (sleep). Remove -ar from **tocar** or -ir from **vivir** and add the present ending. **Toco** and **vivo** already show I, so **yo** is usually optional. The present tense gives the ordinary forms for now and routines.

TOCAR AND VIVIR

Person	Tocar	Vivir	Meaning
yo	toco	vivo	I
tú	tocas	vives	you, familiar singular
él / ella / usted	toca	vive	he / she / you politely
nosotros / nosotras	tocamos	vivimos	we
vosotros / vosotras	tocáis	vivís	you, familiar plural (Spain)
ellos / ellas / ustedes	tocan	viven	they / ustedes

The familiar plural forms are **tocáis** and **vivís**. Keep their written accents. The verbs do not change with a speaker's gender: both Lena and Lukas say **vivo abajo**.

Vivo abajo.

I live downstairs.

Clara vive arriba.

Clara lives upstairs.

Javier toca la trompeta.

Javier plays the trumpet.

Querer: the vowel changes in some forms

Querer means want. Notice **quiero**, **quieres**, **quiere** and **quieren**, but **queremos** and **queréis**. Do not guess every form by adding a regular ending to **quier-**.

QUERER IN THE PRESENT

Person	Form	Meaning
yo	quiero	I
tú	quieres	you, familiar singular
él / ella / usted	quiere	he / she / you politely
nosotros / nosotras	queremos	we
vosotros / vosotras	queréis	you, familiar plural (Spain)
ellos / ellas / ustedes	quieren	they / you politely plural

Want to do something: querer + infinitive

Use the conjugated **querer** form and then the **unchanged infinitive**: **Quiero dormir**, **Queremos vivir aquí**. The second verb stays an infinitive; it does not agree with the subject. Spanish normally keeps the two verbs together. Put **no** before the conjugated verb: **No quiero tocar**.

Quiero dormir.

I want to sleep.

Queremos vivir aquí.

We want to live here.

No quiero tocar ahora.

I do not want to play now.

In this scene, **¿Puedes tocar mañana?** is a useful request. **No puedo dormir** is I cannot sleep. Learn these as complete phrases for now. The forms of **poder** are taught later. **Duermes** and **duerme** belong to **dormir**; recognising them does not mean you need its full conjugation yet.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE WHO THE VERB REFERS TO

Underline the conjugated verb. Use its form to identify the person.

Meaning: I want to sleep.

- 1

Meaning: You want a coffee.

- 2

Meaning: Clara wants to play.

- 3

Meaning: We want to live here.

- 4

Meaning: You want silence.

- 5

Meaning: They want a juice.

- 6

G2) DIFFERENT PEOPLE, DIFFERENT ACTIONS

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I play the trumpet.

- 1 Yo _____ la trompeta.

- (A) tocan
(B) toco
(C) tocas

Meaning: You play quietly.

2 Tú _____ en voz baja.

- ☐ A tocamos
- ☐ B tocas
- ☐ C toco

Meaning: Javier plays here.

3 Javier _____ aquí.

- ☐ A tocáis
- ☐ B toca
- ☐ C toco

Meaning: We play tomorrow.

4 Nosotras _____ mañana.

- ☐ A tocamos
- ☐ B toca
- ☐ C tocan

Meaning: You play upstairs.

5 Vosotros _____ arriba.

- ☐ A tocáis
- ☐ B toco
- ☐ C tocamos

Meaning: They play here.

6 Ellos _____ aquí.

- ☐ A tocas
- ☐ B toca
- ☐ C tocan

G3) REHEARSING TOGETHER

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: I play upstairs. You play downstairs.

toca toco tocas

Yo _____ arriba. Tú _____ abajo.

Meaning: Javier plays now. We play tomorrow.

toca tocan tocamos

Javier _____ ahora. Nosotras _____ mañana.

Meaning: You play quietly. They play very loudly.

tocan tocáis tocas

Vosotros _____ en voz baja. Ellos _____ muy alto.

G4) FIND THE MATCHING HOME

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I live in this house.

1 Yo _____ en esta casa.

- ☐ A vivo
- ☐ B vive
- ☐ C viven

Meaning: You live here.

2 Tú _____ aquí.

- ☐ A vives
- ☐ B vivo
- ☐ C vivimos

Meaning: Elvira lives downstairs.

3 Elvira _____ abajo.

- ☐ A vive
- ☐ B vives
- ☐ C vivís

Meaning: We live upstairs.

4 Nosotras _____ arriba.

- ☐ A vivimos
- ☐ B vive
- ☐ C viven

Meaning: You live there.

5 Vosotros _____ allí.

- ☐ A vivís
- ☐ B vivo
- ☐ C vivimos

Meaning: They live in this house.

6 Ellas _____ en esta casa.

- ☐ A viven
- ☐ B vives
- ☐ C vive

G5) WHO LIVES WHERE?

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: I live downstairs. You live upstairs.

vivo vives vive

Yo _____ abajo. Tú _____ arriba.

Meaning: Clara lives here. We live there.

vive viven vivimos

Clara _____ aquí. Nosotros _____ allí.

Meaning: You live here. They live there.

vivís vives viven

Vosotras _____ aquí. Ellos _____ allí.

G6) WHAT DO THEY WANT?

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I want a coffee.

1 Yo _____ un café.

- ☐ A quiero
- ☐ B queremos
- ☐ C quieren

Meaning: You want to sleep.

2 Tú _____ dormir.

- ☐ A quieres
- ☐ B queréis
- ☐ C quiero

Meaning: Clara wants a tea.

3 Clara _____ un té.

- ☐ A quiere
- ☐ B queremos
- ☐ C quieres

Meaning: We want to live here.

4 Nosotros _____ vivir aquí.

- ☐ A quiere
- ☐ B queremos
- ☐ C quieren

Meaning: You want to play tomorrow.

5 Vosotras _____ tocar mañana.

- ☐ A quieres
- ☐ B queremos
- ☐ C queréis

Meaning: They want silence.

6 Ellas _____ silencio.

- ☐ A quieren
- ☐ B quiere
- ☐ C quiero

G7) KEEP THE SECOND VERB UNCHANGED

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: We want to sleep.

quiero queremos dormir vivir

Nosotros _____.

Meaning: You want to live here.

queréis vivir tocar quieren

Vosotros _____ aquí.

G8) CHANGE THE MESSAGE, KEEP THE PATTERN

Put the words in order.

Meaning: I do not want to play now.

- 1
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Meaning: We want to live here.

- 2
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Meaning: Tomorrow I will play quietly.

- 3
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G9) A NOISY NEIGHBOUR

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1** Javier wants to start another song. You are tired and need sleep.

You say:

- ☐ A Quiero tocar la trompeta.
- ☐ B Quiero dormir.
- ☐ C Un café, por favor.