

SCENE 40 • GRAMMAR

Duermo mejor

Dormir, stem changes and a health recap

5 Exercises • Duration: 15 min.

A bad day

Spanish

Sleep uses o → ue

Dormir is an -ir verb with a stem change. As with **poder**, **nosotros** and **vosotros** keep the original vowel. The other forms have **o → ue**. The endings still belong to -ir.

DORMIR IN THE PRESENT

Person	Form	Meaning
yo	duermo	I
tú	duermes	you, familiar singular
él / ella / usted	duerme	he / she / you politely
nosotros / nosotras	dormimos	we
vosotros / vosotras	dormís	you, familiar plural in Spain
ellos / ellas / ustedes	duermen	they / you politely plural

Ask about improvement

¿Te encuentras mejor? asks do you feel better. **Ya no tengo fiebre** means I no longer have a fever. **Todavía me duele** means it still hurts. Put **ya no** before the verb; **todavía** does not make the sentence negative.

Reassure without changing the facts

Un **poco mejor** and **mucho mejor** express improvement. **Mejor** does not change for a woman: **Clara está mejor**. Continue to use **enferma** when you use that adjective.

GRAMMAR

G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I sleep well.

1 Yo _____ bien.

- ☐ (A) duermo
- ☐ (B) dormo
- ☐ (C) duermes

Meaning: You sleep little.

2 Vosotros _____ poco.

- ☐ (A) dormís
- ☐ (B) dormimos
- ☐ (C) duermen

Meaning: We sleep eight hours.

3 Nosotros _____ ocho horas.

- ☐ A duerme
- ☐ B dormimos
- ☐ C duermimos

Meaning: Clara is better.

4 Clara está _____.

- ☐ A mejores
- ☐ B mejora
- ☐ C mejor

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: You sleep at night. Javier sleeps in the day.

duermes dormís duerme

Tú _____ de noche. Javier _____ de día.

Meaning: They sleep twelve hours.

dormen duermen

Ellos _____ doce horas.

Meaning: I no longer have a fever.

ni no

Ya _____ tengo fiebre.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: Do you feel better?

1

encuentras

¿Te

mejor?

Meaning: My throat still hurts.

- 2 me Todavía garganta. la duele
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Meaning: I sleep better with earplugs.

- 3 mejor Duermo con tapones.
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G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| ① dormimos bien | Ⓐ it still hurts |
| ② todavía me duele | Ⓑ I no longer have a fever |
| ③ ya no tengo fiebre | Ⓒ we sleep well |

G5) CHECK THE CONTRAST IN A NEW CONTEXT

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: Before, I have a fever. Now I no longer have a fever.

ni no

Antes tengo fiebre. Ahora ya _____ tengo fiebre.