

Pido café, pedimos tortitas

Ordering with pedir and describing the programme

4 Exercises · Duration: 10 min.

The festival

Spanish

Pedir changes e to i

Pedir means ask for/order. It changes **e** → **i** except in **nosotros** and **vosotros**. This is different from **querer's** e → ie. **Pido un café** is I order a coffee; **pido ayuda** is I ask for help.

PEDIR IN THE PRESENT

Person	Form	Meaning
yo	pido	I
tú	pides	you, familiar singular
él / ella / usted	pide	he / she / you politely
nosotros / nosotras	pedimos	we
vosotros / vosotras	pedís	you, familiar plural in Spain
ellos / ellas / ustedes	piden	they / you politely plural

Ask for an item or ask a question

Pedir requests something. **Preguntar** asks a question: **Pregunto cuánto cuesta**. You can order naturally without either verb: **Dos cafés, por favor**.

A programme in the present

Use the present with a time word: **El concierto empieza a las ocho. Primero toca Javier; luego cantan los niños.** This describes the scheduled programme without a new future conjugation.

GRAMMAR

G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I order two coffees.

1 Yo _____ dos cafés.

- ☐ A pedo
- ☐ B pides
- ☐ C pido

Meaning: We order pancakes.

2 Nosotros _____ tortitas.

- ☐ A piden
- ☐ B pedimos
- ☐ C pidimos

Meaning: You ask for water.

3 Vosotros _____ agua.

- ☐ (A) pedís
- ☐ (B) pedimos
- ☐ (C) pidís

Meaning: Do you ask for help?

4 ¿Tú _____ ayuda?

- ☐ (A) pides
- ☐ (B) pido
- ☐ (C) pide

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: Clara orders apples. They order coffee.

pedemos pide piden

Clara _____ manzanas. Ellos _____ café.

Meaning: How much does it cost? It is a question.

boquilla pregunta

¿Cuánto cuesta? Es una _____.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: I order a coffee without sugar.

- 1
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Meaning: Javier plays first.

- 2
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Meaning: The concert starts at eight.

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El concierto ocho. empieza a las

G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

1 pedís agua

A we order coffee

2 pedimos café

B you ask for water (familiar plural)

3 pido ayuda

C I ask for help