

## Spelling Changes in the Present Subjunctive

In the present subjunctive, verbs ending in *-car*, *-gar*, and *-zar* undergo the same change that occurs in the *yo* form of the preterit:

*-car* verbs: *c* → *qu*

*-gar* verbs: *g* → *gu*

*-zar* verbs: *z* → *c*

| Infinitive | Preterit Yo Form | Stem    | Subjunctive Endings           |
|------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| sacar      | saqué            | saqu-   | -e, -es, -e, -emos, -éis, -en |
| llegar     | llegué           | llegu-  | -e, -es, -e, -emos, -éis, -en |
| utilizar   | utilicé          | utilic- | -e, -es, -e, -emos, éis, -en  |

Verbs ending in *-cer/-cir*, *-ger/-gir*, and *-guir* (but not *-uir*) undergo the same change that occurs in the *yo* form of the present:

consonant + *-cer/-cir* verbs: *c* → *z*

vowel + *-cer/-cir* verbs: *c* → *zc*

*-ger/-gir* verbs: *g* → *j*

*-guir* verbs: *gu* → *g*

| Infinitive | Present Yo Form | Stem     | Subjunctive Endings           |
|------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| convencer  | convenzo        | convenz- | -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an |
| esparcir   | esparzo         | esparz-  | -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an |
| conocer    | conozco         | conozc-  | -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an |
| conducir   | conduzco        | conduzc- | -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an |
| escoger    | escojo          | escoj-   | -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an |
| dirigir    | dirijo          | dirij-   | -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an |
| distinguir | distingo        | disting- | -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an |

## Irregular Verbs in the Present Subjunctive

Verbs that follow no rules for the formation of the subjunctive must be memorized. The most common irregular verbs are:

dar (to give): dé, des, dé, demos, deis, den

estar (to be): esté, estés, esté, estemos, estéis, estén

haber (to have): haya, hayas, haya, hayamos, hayáis, hayan

ir (to go): vaya, vayas, vaya, vayamos, vayáis, vayan

saber (to know): sepa, sepas, sepa, sepamos, sepáis, sepan

ser (to be): sea, seas, sea, seamos, seáis, sean

## Stem Changes in the Present Subjunctive

The changes that stem-changing *-ar*, *-er*, and *-ir* verbs undergo in the present subjunctive are often, but not always, the same changes they undergo in the present. Changes in the stem occur in all persons but *nosotros* and *vosotros*.

| Verb Type                 | Stem Change           | Subjunctive Stems               |                                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b><i>-ar and -er</i></b> | <b><i>e to ie</i></b> | <b><i>Yo, Tú, Él, Ellos</i></b> | <b><i>Nosotros/Vosotros</i></b> |
| cerrar (to close)         | yo <b>ci</b> erro     | <b>cierr-</b>                   | <b>cerr-</b>                    |
| querer (to want)          | yo <b>quie</b> ro     | <b>quier-</b>                   | <b>quer-</b>                    |
|                           | <b><i>o to ue</i></b> | <b><i>Yo, Tú, Él, Ellos</i></b> | <b><i>Nosotros/Vosotros</i></b> |
| contar (to tell)          | yo <b>cu</b> ento     | <b>cuent-</b>                   | <b>cont-</b>                    |
| volver (to return)        | yo <b>vuel</b> vo     | <b>vuelv-</b>                   | <b>volv-</b>                    |
| <b><i>-ir</i></b>         | <b><i>e to ie</i></b> | <b><i>Yo, Tú, Él, Ellos</i></b> | <b><i>Nosotros/Vosotros</i></b> |
| sentir (to feel, regret)  | yo <b>sient</b> o     | <b>sient-</b>                   | <b>sint-</b>                    |
|                           | <b><i>o to ue</i></b> | <b><i>Yo, Tú, Él, Ellos</i></b> | <b><i>Nosotros/Vosotros</i></b> |
| dormir (to sleep)         | yo <b>duerm</b> o     | <b>duerm-</b>                   | <b>durm-</b>                    |
|                           | <b><i>e to i</i></b>  | <b><i>Yo, Tú, Él, Ellos</i></b> | <b><i>Nosotros/Vosotros</i></b> |
| pedir (to ask)            | yo <b>pid</b> o       | <b>pid-</b>                     | <b>pid-</b>                     |

Accent marks are used in the *-iar* and *-uar* verbs listed below, in all forms but *nosotros*:

enviar (to send) yo **envío** env- **-íe, -íes, -íe, -iemos, -íéis, -íen**

Verbs like *enviar* include:

|              |                               |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| confiar (en) | to rely (on), to confide (in) |
| espiar       | to spy                        |
| fiarse (de)  | to trust                      |
| guiar        | to guide                      |
| resfriarse   | to catch a cold               |
| variar       | to vary                       |

continuar (to continue) yo **continúo** contin- **-úe, -úes, -úe, -uemos, -uéis, -úen**

Verbs like *continuar* include:

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| actuar    | to act      |
| graduarse | to graduate |