

Tense	Indicative Mood	Subjunctive Mood	Conditional Mood
Simple			
Present:	1 Present Indicative I eat (<i>como</i>), I do eat, I am eating	6 Present Subjunctive that I may eat (<i>coma</i>)	5 Conditional (Simple) I would eat (<i>comería</i>)
		6a (Imperative Mood)/ Commands Eat! (<i>coma</i>)	
Past:	2 Imperfect Indicative I was eating (<i>comía</i>), I ate, I used to eat	7 Imperfect Subjunctive that I might eat (<i>comiera</i>)	
	3 Preterit I ate (<i>comí</i>), I did eat		
Future:	4 Future I shall eat (<i>comeré</i>), I will eat		
Compound			
Present:	A Progressive Present I am eating (<i>estoy comiendo</i>)		
Past:	B Past Progressive I was eating (<i>estaba comiendo</i>)		
	8 Present Perfect Indicative I have (<i>he</i>) eaten (<i>comido</i>)	13 Present Perfect Subjunctive that I may have (<i>haya</i>) eaten (<i>comido</i>)	
	9 Past Perfect (Pluperfect) Indicative I had (<i>había</i>) eaten (<i>comido</i>)	14 Past Perfect (Pluperfect) Subjunctive that I might have (<i>hubiera</i>) eaten (<i>comido</i>)	
	10 Preterit Perfect (obsolete) I had (<i>hube</i>) eaten (<i>comido</i>)		
Future	11 Future Perfect I shall have (<i>habré</i>) eaten (<i>comido</i>)		12 Conditional Perfect would have (<i>habría</i>) eaten

Explanations:

Tense expresses firstly, the subtleties of TIME (present/past/future) and, secondly, those of Mood. Mood or Mode means the manner or way a verb expresses an action or state of being. *

Perfect expresses something brought to perfection or completion in the past

Imperfect expresses something not brought to perfection or ongoing in the past

Present Perfect expresses the past with the Present tense of HABER (indicative or subjunctive)

Past Perfect expresses the past with the Imperfect tense of HABER (indicative or subjunctive)

Pluperfect shares a common derivation with plural; it expresses an action that follows another in time

Verb tenses with grayed backgrounds are conjugated the same way in 1st and 3rd person singular.

Numbers track the order of verb tenses in 501 Spanish Verbs*

Present Participle 129, <u>74</u>	verb with 'ing' ending, eg <u>running</u> , used in Present and Past Progressive	Infin - ar /er/ir + >	+	+	+
Past Participle 376, <u>139</u>	past of an "ing verb", eg. <u>eaten</u> ; used in Present and Past Perfect tenses	Infin - ar /er/ir + >	+	+	+
Verb tense	Usage or meaning	Base	-ar	-er	-ir
1 Present Indicative 44, <u>5</u>	action of the present, near past, past to the present, or future, habitual action, general truth, vividly describing past events, eg. I eat...	Infinitive - ar/er/ir +>	o, as, a amos, áis, an	o,es,e emos, éis, en	o,es,e imos ís, en
2 Imperfect Indicative 213,228, <u>101</u>	non-specific or continuous past action that took place repeatedly OR over an extended period of time, key phrases: used to; was +ing; would always; eg. <u>He used to study</u> in the dorm.	Infinitive - ar/er/ir +>	aba abas aba ábamos abais aban	ía ías ía íamos íais ían	ía ías ía íamos íais ían
3 Preterit 168,186,230, <u>83</u>	past action that happened at a fixed point in time, a specific number of times, or during an enclosed amount of time; eg. He <u>studied</u> there all morning. *except: jaguar -eron	Infinitive - ar/er/ir +>	é, aste ó amos asteis aron	(er/ir) í, iste ió, imos isteis ieron	(irreg) e, iste o,imos isteis ieron*
4 Future 431, <u>120</u>	describe actions that <u>will</u> take place; eg. We <u>will learn</u> this language.	Infinitive +>	é, ás, á emos, éis, án	same	same
5 Conditional 444, <u>132</u>	expresses a future uncertainty; usually a <u>but</u> or <u>if</u> expressing the reason for the uncertainty; eg. We <u>would learn</u> more if we lived in Peru	Infinitive +>	ía, ías, ía íamos, íais, ían	same	same
6 Present Subjunctive 311,321, <u>164</u>	WIERDO: Wish/Will, Emotion, Impersonal expressions, Requests/Recommendations, Doubt/Denial, Ojala'. eg. I <u>hope</u> that he <u>buys</u> the book.	Yo of Present Indic. - o +>	e, es, e emos éis en	a, as, a amos áis an	a,as,a amos áis an
6a Imperative / Commands 249,358, <u>153</u>	Imperative is a <u>mood</u> . It is now! There are 4 Subjects: <i>Tú (Positive, Negative), Ud, Uds, Vosortos</i>	Pos Tú: Tú of Pres - s	Neg Tú: Tú of Pres Subjunctive	Ud/Uds: of Pres Subjunctive	Vos: Infinite -r + d
7 Past or Imperfect Subjunctive 393, <u>183</u>	Simply refers to past actions in WIERDO situations eg. I wished that he <u>bought</u> the book. * "se" is an uncommon equivalent	Uds. of Preterit - ron +>	ra, ras, ra 'ramos rais ran	se,ses,se 'semos seis sen	
A Present Progressive 129, <u>74</u>	to tell what a person is <u>doing</u> right now, eg. He/ <u>is running</u> ...; Indicative of ESTAR + Pres Participle	estoy estás esta	estamos estáis están	- ar + ando	- er/ir + iendo
B Past Progressive 278, <u>117</u>	to describe action during a given period or specific time in the past; eg. He/ <u>was running</u> ... Imperfect of ESTAR + Present Participle	estaba estabas estaba	estábamo s estabais estaban	- ar + ando	- er/ir + iendo

8 Present Perfect Indicative 375, <u>138</u>	implies completed action in a recent scope of time, including the present, but not time specific, like the <i>Pret(3)</i> eg. <u>I have eaten</u> here for 3 years. Present Indic of HABER + PastPart	he has ha	hemos habéis han	<u>- ar</u> + ado	<u>- er/ir</u> + ido
9 Past Perfect Indicative or Pluperfect Indicative 401, <u>145</u>	describe action or event that happened before another past action; stated or implied cutoff in the past. eg. I <u>had eaten</u> before I... Imperfect HABER+ Past Part	había habías había	habíamos habíais habían	<u>- ar</u> + ado	<u>- er/ir</u> + ido
10 Preterit Perfect	rarely used; generally use 9 in speaking				
11 Future Perfect <u>195</u>	future action before another future action, eg. I shall have eaten when he... Future HABER+ Past Part	hubré hubris hubrá	hubremos hubréis hubrán		
12 Conditional Perfect <u>200</u>	express what would have done, if possible; also indicate conjecture in past. eg. I would have eaten, if he... Conditional HABER+ PastPart	hubría hubrías hubría	hubriamos hubráis hubrían		
13 Present Perfect Subjunctive 379, <u>205</u>	to describe recently completed action in a sentence requiring Subjunctive (WIERDO) mood. eg. I hope that <u>he has eaten</u> . Present Subj of HABER+ Past Part	haya hayas haya	hayamos hayáis hayan	<u>- ar</u> + ado	<u>- er/ir</u> + ido
14 Past Perfect Subjunc. or Pluperfect Subjunctive 401, <u>210</u>	describe action or event that happened before stated or implied past action in a sentence requiring Subjunctive (WIERDO) mood. eg. I wished that he <u>had eaten</u> before he... Imperfect Subj HABER+ Past Part	hubiera hubieras hubiera	~iéramos hubierais hubieran	<u>- ar</u> + ado	<u>- er/ir</u> + ido

Key to abbreviations:

- Verb tenses are in **bold italics**, they are grouped to show how they compare & contrast
- verbs are underlined in the short examples (eg.)
- ‘-’ means remove what follows
- ‘+’ means add what follows
- ‘+>’ means add endings from columns to the right for *ar* or *er/ir* verbs

Numbers in left column: the leading **bold** numbers track verb ordered in 501 Spanish Verbs; others are page references to Caminos (plain text) and Spanish Verb Tenses (*italics*)