

## The main 8 verbs and introduction to compound forms.

There are eight verbs in Spanish that are used very often and you'll need to memorize and master them as soon as possible. As it often happens in most languages, the most used verbs are irregular (don't despair, many of the irregularities are shared with other verbs, so learning them by heart will come in handy as you learn more Spanish).

The first two you already know: “ser” and “estar”. The others are: “haber” (to have), “tener” (to have), “ir” (to go), “poder” (to be able to), “querer” (to want) and “hacer” (to do or to make).

infinitivo	haber	tener	ir	poder	querer	hacer
participio	habido	tenido	ido	podido	querido	hecho
gerundio	habiendo	teniendo	yendo	pudiendo	queriendo	haciendo
yo	he	tengo	voy	puedo	quiero	hago
tú	has	tienes	vas	puedes	quieres	haces
él/ella	ha	tiene	va	puede	quiere	hace
nosotros/nosotras	hemos	tenemos	vamos	podemos	queremos	hacemos
vosotros/vosotras	habéis	tenéis	vais	podéis	queréis	hacéis
ellos/ellas	han	tienen	van	pueden	quieren	hacen

All these verbs must be mastered perfectly as soon as possible, these are the kind of verbs that you cannot afford to have to think about in the middle of the speech, they have to come up immediately.

You have noticed that we have two verbs for “have”, but don't worry, just like “ser” and “estar” it's easy to tell when to use each.

“Tener” means possession, and we use it for everything we have, including parts of our bodies. We use “haber” when we want to use it with another verb, just like in English:

I have read a book                      Yo he leído un libro

These tenses are called compound tenses (formas compuestas) and, just like in English, there is one for each simple tense (see below for more information).