

## Practicamos los verbos

**RULE 1:** Use the infinitive after “Me/te/le gusta(n) . . .” and after “para” (in order)

**RULE 2:** All other times, the verb should be conjugated to match the subject.

**RULE 3:** Remember that subjects in Spanish may be *directly stated* or *indirectly implied*.

### EXAMPLES

**RULE 1:** Me gusta jugar al fútbol. (I like *to play* soccer.)

If you had conjugated *jugar*, the sentence would incorrectly read:

“I like *I play* soccer,” which does not make sense!

Voy al biblioteca para estudiar. (I’m going to the library in order *to study*.)

If you had conjugated *estudiar*, the sentence would incorrectly read:

“I’m going to the library in order I study.”

**RULE 2:** Yo juego al fútbol los sábados. (I *play* soccer on Saturdays.)

**RULE 3:** In the sample sentence for Rule 2, the subject YO is directly stated. Often times, subjects are left out of sentences, especially if you’ve already mentioned names or if it is clear from the conjugation who the subject is.

¡Estás tarde para la clase de Español! (You are late for Spanish class!)

We can tell by the *-as* ending on *estás* that

*you informal* is the implied subject.

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