

HDHS #4: Verbos con Cambios Radicales

- Some verbs are unique and have some spelling changes in the stem. The stem is the first part of the verb; the part of the verb that does not include the –ar, –er, or –ir. The only way to know if a verb is a stem-changer is by memorizing them.
- There is one rule to remember with present tense stem-changers:
*All forms change **EXCEPT** nosotros!
- There are four types of stem-changers in the present tense.
E → IE E → I O → UE U → UE

NOTE: E → I are much less common than E → IE

- Here's how they change...

<u>PENSAR = to think</u>	
yo	pienso
tú	piensas
él, ella, Ud.	piensa
nosotros (as)	pensamos
ellos, ellas, Uds.	piensan

<u>DORMIR = to sleep</u>	
yo	duermo
tú	duermes
él, ella, Ud.	duerme
nosotros (as)	dormimos
ellos, ellas, Uds.	duermen

<u>JUGAR = to play</u>	
yo	juego
tú	juegas
él, ella, Ud.	juega
nosotros (as)	jugamos
ellos, ellas, Uds.	juegan

- So... If you wanted to say “I play soccer.” You would normally think it is...
Yo **ju**go fútbol.

BUT... that is not correct! Jugar is a stem-changer so the U becomes UE
Yo **ju**ego fútbol.

- Some common stem-changing verbs are:

E → IE	cerrar, empezar, entender, merendar, perder, preferir, querer
E → I	servir, pedir, repetir
O → UE	poder, volver, mover, contar, encontrar
U → UE	jugar is the only U → UE