



Lesson 20

STEM VERBS - UE

Part 2



Present Tense (ue) Stem-Changing Verbs

There are several verbs in Spanish that are called Stem-Changing Verbs. In this case, some verbs that have an “o” will make a stem-change to “ue”.

Not all verbs that have an “o” are stem-changing verbs. We will only know that they are by having experience with the language, or if I tell you that they are. Many dictionaries will put the (ue) in parenthesis to show that they are stem-changing verbs. I will normally show this whenever we have a vocabulary list with a stem-changing verb. Example: Volver (ue), encontrar (ue)

Stem-changing verbs will have two changes when we are conjugating the verb or telling who is doing the action of the verb. The first change will be in the stem or beginning part of the verb. The second change will be when we put the normal ending on by crossing off the AR, ER, or IR. An important rule is that we never stem-change the “nosotros or vosotros forms of the verb. They will always keep the “o or u with jugar”.



(ue) Stem-Changing Verbs Volver (ue)= to return

A nickname that they have for this type of verb is a “Shoe Verb” or a “Boot Verb”!

Here are some common (ue) Stem-Changing Verbs: Volver (ue), encontrar (ue), contar (ue), jugar (ue), volar (ue), mostrar (ue), poder (ue), probar (ue), recordar (ue), soñar (ue)

Yo vuelvo

Nosotros volvemos

Tú vuelves

Nosotras volvemos

Él vuelve

Vosotros volvéis

Ella vuelve

Vosotras volvéis

Usted vuelve

Ellos vuelven

(it) vuelve

Ellas vuelven

Name vuelve

Ustedes vuelven



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Act. 1: Conjugate the following (ue) Stem-Changing Verbs!

1 yo volver (ue)	vuelvo	11 tú volver (ue)	vuelves
2 tú encontrar (ue)	encuentras	12 Usted encontrar (ue)	encuentra
3 él contar (ue)	cuenta	13 nosotras contar (ue)	contamos
4 nosotros jugar (ue)	jugamos	14 Ustedes jugar (ue)	juegan
5 ellos volar (ue)	vuelan	15 yo volar (ue)	vuelo
6 yo mostrar (ue)	muestro	16 tú mostrar (ue)	muestras
7 tú poder (ue)	puedes	17 él poder (ue)	puede
8 ella probar (ue)	prueba	18 nosotros probar (ue)	probamos
9 nosotras recordar (ue)	recordamos	19 ellos recordar (ue)	recuerdan
10 ellas soñar (ue)	sueñan	20 yo soñar (ue)	sueño

