



Lesson 20

STEM VERBS - I

Part 3



Present Tense (i) Stem-Changing Verbs

There are several verbs in Spanish that are called Stem-Changing Verbs. In this case, some verbs that have an “e” will make a stem-change to “i”. Not all verbs that have an “e” 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 (i) 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: pedir (i), repetir (i)

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 IR. An important rule is that we never stem-change the “nosotros or vosotros forms of the verb. They will always keep the “e”.



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

Here are some common (i) Stem-Changing Verbs: pedir (i), reír (i), repetir (i), seguir (i), sonreír (i), vestir (i), perseguir (i)



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(i) Stem-Changing Verbs Pedir (i) = To order, ask for

Yo pido

Nosotros pedimos

Tú pides

Nosotras pedimos

Él pide

Vosotros pedís

Ella pide

Vosotras pedís

Usted pide

Ellos piden

(it) pide

Ellas piden

Name pide

Ustedes piden



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

1 yo pedir (i)

pido

8 tú pedir (i)

pides

2tú reír (i)

ríes

9 Usted reír (i)

ríe

3 él repetir (i)

repite

10 nosotras repetir (i)

repetimos

4 nosotros seguir (i)

seguimos

11 ellos seguir (i)

siguen

5 ellos sonreír (i)

sonríen

12 yo sonreír (i)

sonrío

6 yo vestir (i)

visto

13 tú vestir (i)

vistes

7tú perseguir (i)

persigues

14 èl perseguir (i)

persigue



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