

Pattern: [conjugated verb] + [infinitive]

Here are three very common Spanish verbs:

- **hablar — to talk**
- **comer — to eat**
- **vivir — to live**

These verbs are perfect for seeing how Spanish verbs are built. Every verb has two parts:

- **the stem — the meaning part**
- **the ending (ar, er, or ir) — the part that changes when you conjugate**

We'll get into full conjugation later, using a tool that shows how endings change depending on who is doing the action. For now, you only need one simple idea:

Spanish lets you start a sentence with a single conjugated verb and follow it with an infinitive.

This gives you instant speaking ability:

- Quiero hablar...
- Necesito comer...
- Puedo vivir...

That pattern is the foundation of the chart below — **Conjugated Verb + Infinitive Sentence Starters** — which shows how you can build clear, natural Spanish sentences with just a few moving parts.

These sentence starters let you build dozens of Spanish sentences. You can substitute other verbs, add simple connectors, and even place No at the beginning to flip the meaning.

Connectors you can use right away:

- **y** — and
- **pero** — but
- **porque** — because
- **para** — in order to / to

Conjugated Verb	Infinitive	Add-On Phrase
Quiero <i>I want</i>	Estudiar <i>to study</i>	en mi casa <i>in my house</i>
Necesito <i>I need</i>	Practicar <i>to practice</i>	con mi amigo <i>with my friend</i>
Puedo <i>I can</i>	Leer <i>to read</i>	en la mañana <i>in the morning</i>
Voy a <i>I'm going to</i>	Cocinar <i>to cook</i>	en la tarde <i>in the afternoon</i>
Tengo que <i>I have to</i>	Trabajar <i>to work</i>	en la noche <i>at night</i>
	Ir <i>to go</i>	con mi familia <i>with my family</i>
	Mirar <i>to watch / to look</i>	en el parque <i>in the park</i>
	Escuchar <i>to listen</i>	en mi coche <i>in my car</i>

Examples of Expanded Mix-and-Match Sentences

1. **Quiero estudiar en mi casa porque necesito preparar la clase de mañana.** *I want to study at home because I need to prepare tomorrow's class.*
2. **Voy a cocinar en la tarde, y después quiero mirar el partido en el parque.** *I'm going to cook in the afternoon, and afterward I want to watch the game in the park.*
3. **Puedo leer en la mañana, pero prefiero escuchar música en mi coche.** *I can read in the morning, but I prefer to listen to music in my car.*
4. **Tengo que trabajar en la noche para terminar el proyecto con mi familia.** *I have to work at night in order to finish the project with my family.*
5. **Necesito practicar con mi amigo, si él tiene tiempo en la tarde.** *I need to practice with my friend if he has time in the afternoon.*