

Spanish Present Tense Stem Changing Verbs Shoe Verbs

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There are 3 main “stem” changes in Spanish.

1. In the first one, the ‘e’ vowel right before -ar, -er, -ir syllable changes to ‘ie’, but only for the pronouns yo, tú, él/ella and ellos/ellas .

How to remember? - Draw a shoe over the conjugations.
Pronouns with stem change are inside the shoe!



Some common e>ie stem changing verbs:

- Entender
- Cerrar
- Comenzar
- Mentir
- Negar
- Convertir
- Encender
- Pensar
- Defender
- Perder
- Empezar
- Preferir
- Querer

Let's try it:

- ¿Qué tipo de comida (preferir) _____ tú?
- ¿(querer - él) _____ agua o leche?
- La clase de español (empezar) _____ a las 8 en punto.
- Nosotros (cerrar) _____ la puerta.

