

# Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

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**Goal:** Learn how to form **o** → **ue** stem-changing verbs. Then practice using these verbs to talk about going out with friends. *Actividades 5–8*

**English Grammar Connection:** Remember that there are no stem-changing verbs in the present tense of English (see p. 199). In Spanish, **o** → **ue** stem changes happen in all three classes of verbs: **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir**.

## Stem-Changing Verbs: **o** → **ue**

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Some verbs have an **o** → **ue** stem change in the present tense. How do you form the present tense of these verbs?

### Here's how:

Remember that stem-changing verbs have regular **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir** endings. For **o** → **ue** stem-changing verbs, the last **o** of the stem changes to **ue** in all forms except **nosotros(as)** and **vosotros(as)**.

<b>poder</b> to be able, can	
<b>pu</b> edo	<b>pu</b> edemos
<b>pu</b> edes	<b>pu</b> edéis
<b>pu</b> ede	<b>pu</b> eden

Carmen **pu**ede ir al concierto.  
Carmen **can** go to the concert.

Other verbs you know that have this stem change are **almorzar**, **costar**, **dormir**, **encontrar**, and **volver**.

**Almuer**zo a la una.  
*I eat lunch at one o'clock.*

Antonio, ¿cuándo **vuel**ves?  
*Antonio, when are you coming back?*

### Más práctica

Cuaderno pp. 174–176

Cuaderno para hispanohablantes pp. 175–177

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