



Pedir Conjugation

Free Spanish Lesson and Exercises

Today, we are asking all about the verb *pedir* in Spanish. It's a common irregular verb. That's why it's great to familiarize yourself with it.

Asking for things is a part of everyday life. You might ask for a glass of water, a pay raise, or forgiveness. Or perhaps you simply want to go out to a restaurant and order something from the menu. No matter what you are asking for, you will need the verb *pedir*.

In this comprehensive guide, we'll go over how to use *pedir* in sentences as you learn the *pedir* conjugations in the verbal (gerunds and participles), imperative, subjunctive and indicative forms. Finally, you'll have the chance to test your new knowledge with a mini-quiz.

The Spanish Verb *Pedir*

The Spanish verb *pedir* usually means "to request" or "to ask for." It is a stem-changing Spanish verb in which the *e* in the stem sometimes changes to *i*. The same thing happens for the verbs like *servir* and *vestir*.

In addition to its basic meaning, the verb *pedir* is part of several expressions commonly used by native speakers, such as:

- *pedir un deseo* - to make a wish
- *pedir consejo* - to ask for advice
- *pedir disculpas / pedir perdón* - to apologize
- *pedir prestado* - to borrow

Other verbs that follow the pattern of *pedir* include *competir* (to compete), *despedir* (to send off), *impedir* (to prevent), *medir* (to measure), and *repetir* (to repeat).

Now, let's delve into the *pedir* conjugations!



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Pedir Conjugation: Verbals

Infinitive: *pedir*

Gerund: *pidiendo*

Participle: *pedido*

Examples:

Estoy de acuerdo contigo en pedir más información. - I agree with you about asking for more information.

¿Están listos para pedir? - Are you ready to order?

Ella está pidiendo la ensalada verde. - She is ordering the green salad.

Yo he pedido un licuado de fresa. - I have asked for a strawberry smoothie.

Pedir Conjugation: Indicative Mood

Present Indicative

Yo	<i>pido</i>	<i>Pido la paciencia con mis nuevos alumnos.</i> - I ask for patience with my new students.
Tú	<i>pides</i>	<i>¿Pides ayuda cuando la necesitas?</i> - Do you ask for help when you need it?
Usted/él/ella	<i>pide</i>	<i>Eduardo siempre pide lo mismo.</i> - Eduardo always orders the same thing.
Nosotros	<i>pedimos</i>	<i>Pedimos tres limonadas.</i> - We order three lemonades.
Ustedes/ellos/ellas	<i>piden</i>	<i>Ellas piden unos nachos para compartir.</i> - They order some nachos to share.

Preterite Indicative

Yo	<i>pedí</i>	<i>Pedí un pedicure para el Día de la Madre.</i> - I asked for a pedicure for Mother's Day.
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<i>Tú</i>	<i>pediste</i>	<i>¿Pediste un cafe grande? - Did you order a large coffee?</i>
<i>Usted/él/ella</i>	<i>pidió</i>	<i>Pidió un vestido nuevo. - She asked for a new dress.</i>
<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>pedimos</i>	<i>Pedimos el silencio durante la cena. - We requested silence during dinner.</i>
<i>Ustedes/ellos/ellas</i>	<i>pidieron</i>	<i>Pidieron nueva ropa para la escuela. - They asked for new clothes for school.</i>

Imperfect Indicative

<i>Yo</i>	<i>pedía</i>
<i>Tú</i>	<i>pedías</i>
<i>Usted/él/ella</i>	<i>pedía</i>
<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>pedíamos</i>
<i>Ustedes/ellos/ellas</i>	<i>pedían</i>

Future Indicative

<i>Yo</i>	<i>pediré</i>
<i>Tú</i>	<i>pedirás</i>
<i>Usted/él/ella</i>	<i>pedirá</i>
<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>pediremos</i>
<i>Ustedes/ellos/ellas</i>	<i>pedirán</i>

Conditional Indicative

<i>Yo</i>	<i>pediría</i>
<i>Tú</i>	<i>pedirías</i>
<i>Usted/él/ella</i>	<i>pediría</i>



<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>pediríamos</i>
<i>Ustedes/ellos/ellas</i>	<i>pedirían</i>

Pedir Conjugation: Subjunctive Mood

The subjunctive is used in sentences with two clauses to express desire, doubt, denial, emotion, negation, possibility, and other subjective situations.

Present Subjunctive

<i>Yo</i>	<i>pida</i>
<i>Tú</i>	<i>pidas</i>
<i>Usted/él/ella</i>	<i>pida</i>
<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>pidamos</i>
<i>Ustedes/ellos/ellas</i>	<i>pidan</i>

Imperfect Subjunctive

<i>Yo</i>	<i>pidiera</i>
<i>Tú</i>	<i>pidieras</i>
<i>Usted/él/ella</i>	<i>pidiera</i>
<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>pidiéramos</i>
<i>Ustedes/ellos/ellas</i>	<i>pidieran</i>

Pedir Conjugation: Imperative

The imperative mood is used to give orders or commands. Note that positive and negative commands have slightly different conjugations.



Positive Commands

<i>Tú</i>	<i>pide</i>	<i>Pide perdón.</i> - Ask for forgiveness.
<i>Usted</i>	<i>pida</i>	<i>Pida más tiempo para terminar.</i> - Ask for more time to finish.
<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>pidamos</i>	<i>Pidamos pizza.</i> - Let's order pizza
<i>Ustedes</i>	<i>pidan</i>	<i>Pidan ayuda a veces.</i> - Ask for help sometimes.

Negative Commands

<i>Tú</i>	<i>no pidas</i>	<i>No pidas perdón.</i> - Don't ask for forgiveness.
<i>Usted</i>	<i>no pida</i>	<i>No pida perdón.</i> - Don't ask for forgiveness.
<i>Nosotros</i>	<i>no pidamos</i>	<i>No pidamos para ella.</i> - Let's not order for her.
<i>Ustedes</i>	<i>no pidan</i>	<i>No pidan para ella.</i> - Don't order for her.

Pedir Conjugation: Exercises

1. Identify the tense and subject of each *pedir* conjugation.

- a. Pedías
- b. Pido
- c. Pidiendo
- d. Pidamos
- e. Pidiera
- f. PIDAN
- g. Pediste
- h. Hemos pedido
- i. Pidieron
- j. No pida

2. Conjugate *pedir* in the tense given.



- a. *Nosotros* - present subjunctive
 - b. *Ellos* - future
 - c. *Yo* - present simple
 - d. *Ustedes* - imperfect
 - e. *Tú* - conditional
3. Find and correct the error in the *pedir* conjugation.
- a. Ella pidió una soda anoche.
 - b. ¡No pedan la comida de aquel restaurante!
 - c. Pidiendo mi mochila a la clase.
 - d. ¿Has pedida unas botellas de agua?
 - e. Ojala que Sofia pide ayuda.
4. Fill in the blank with the correct form of *pedir*.
- a. Ellos _____ solo un plato para compartir. (present indicative)
 - b. Ella _____ una sopa de verduras para su almuerzo ayer. (past simple)
 - c. ¡ _____ tu favorito! (imperative, positive)
 - d. Nosotros _____ paz todos los días. (imperfect)
 - e. Espero que ustedes _____ cualquier cosa que necesita. (present subjunctive)
5. Translate the following sentences into English.
- a. Siempre pido mis vacaciones durante temporada baja.
 - b. No estoy pidiendo el camarón porque no se ve fresco.
 - c. Oscar pediría el plato vegetariano si fuera aquí.
 - d. Pediste las llaves de la Rosa?
 - e. Tantas veces pedía más horas de trabajo de mi jefe.



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Pedir Conjugation Answer Key:

1. Tense and Subject: a) imperfect, tú; b) present indicative, yo; c) gerund, any subject; d) positive imperative, nosotros; e) imperfect subjunctive, yo or el/ella/Ud; f) preterite subjunctive, ellos/Uds; g) preterite indicative; tú; h) past participle, nosotros; i) preterite indicative, ellos/Uds; j) negative imperative, Ud.
2. Conjugating: a) pedimos; b) pedirán; c) pido; d) pedían; e) pedirías
3. Correcting errors: a) the correct preterite form of pedir is pidió; b) the correct form of negative imperative form is “no pidan”; c) the gerund form needs estar in conjugated form before it, such as *está* or *estaba*; d) the correct participle is *pedido*, not *pedida*; e) this is subjunctive, triggered by the phrase “*ojala que*,” so the correct form is *pida*
4. Fill in the blank: a) piden; b) pidió; c) pide; d) pedíamos; e) pidan
5. Translation: a) I always ask for my vacation during the low season; b) I am not ordering the shrimp because it doesn't look fresh; c) Oscar would order the vegetarian plate if he were here; d) Did you ask Rosa for the keys?; e) Many times I asked my boss for more work hours.