Stem Changing Verbs

I can conjugate stem-changing verbs.

When you see an **Infinitive** followed by **letters in parenthesis**, it shows that you are dealing with a **stem changing verb**. Ex: cerrar (ie)

Stem changing verbs conjugate just like regular verbs, with one extra little twist. Let's review the steps for conjugating a regular –AR, -ER, or –IR verb.

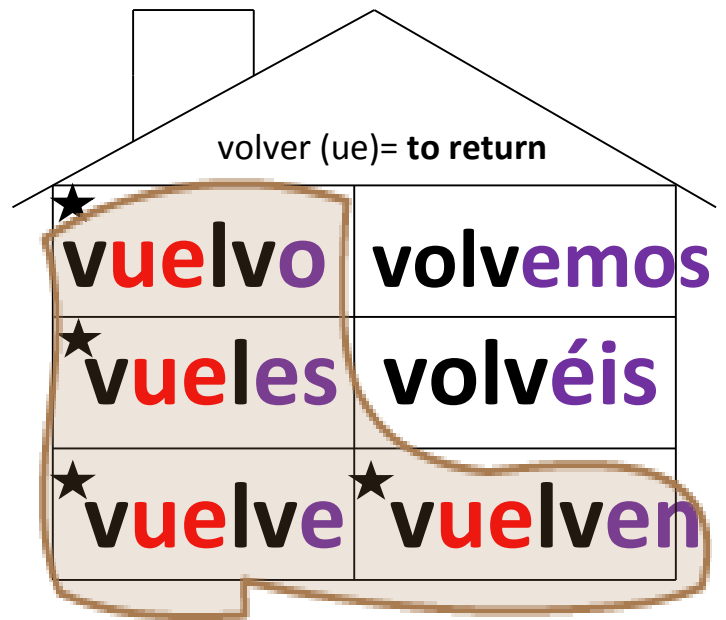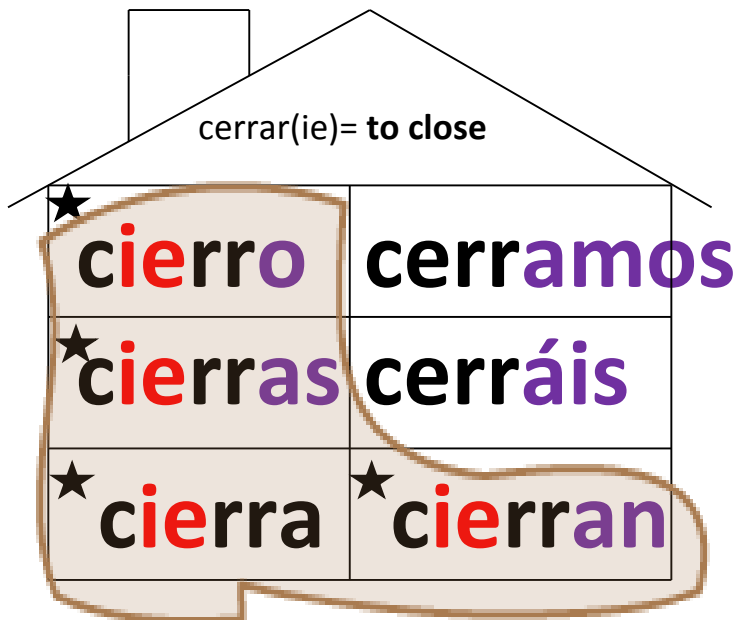| |
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| 1. Cross off the infinitive (-ar / -er / -ir) ending |
| ☞ Change the stem |
| 2. Bring down the stem with boot changes |
| 3. Add the ending for who is doing the action |

Now for the extra twist—it comes between step 1 and 2. Add it to your notes above. As the name of these verbs suggests, you **Change the stem** (*but only in 4 of the 6 forms*).

cerrar(ie)= **to close**

★cierro	cerramos
★cierras	cerráis
★cierra	★cierran

volver (ue)= **to return**

★vuelvo	volvemos
★vueles	volvéis
★vuelve	★vuelven

Common stem change patterns for Spanish verbs are:

E ➔ IE	O ➔ UE	U➔ UE