

Basic sentence translation, part 1

Name: _____

Please remember the following rules:

1. Every sentence must have a *conjugated* verb, which shows who is doing the action.
Remember o, s, a or e, mos, n
2. To make a sentence negative, put “no” before the conjugated verb.
3. To ask a question, put the conjugated verb first, then the subject (pronoun) if needed: *¿Hablas tú?* If there is a question word required (quién, qué, cómo, por qué, cuándo, dónde, cuál, cuánto, etc) that should go before the conjugated verb: *¿Quién habla?*
4. With certain verbs (me gusta, necesito), you don’t have to change the verb that follow, as long as there is no change of subject. Me gusta cantar = I like to sing; Necesito estudiar = I need to study.
5. Any adjective used to describe a plural noun must be made plural by adding “s” or “es”. If the adjective ends in o and is used to describe a feminine noun, the “o” must be changed to “a”
6. The = el (masc), la (fem), los (masc plural) or las (feminine plural). A = un (masc), una (fem).
7. When expressing the idea of “on” with days of the week (On Monday), use “el” (el lunes). If it happens every Monday, use “los” (on Mondays = los lunes)
8. To say “at” with time, use “a las” (“a la” for 1:00 only). At 4:00 = a las cuatro.
9. There is no ‘s in Spanish. You have to use “de”. John’s book = el libro de John. You can also use possessive adjectives (my = mi, your (fam)= tu, his / her / your (form) = su, our = nuestro / nuestra, their / your (plural) = su). Each of these has a plural form if you are describing something that is plural: my dog = mi perro; my dogs = *mis perros*.
10. and = y, or = o

Ok, let’s practice:

1. My dad draws on the whiteboard. (*on = en*)
2. My sister doesn’t wait for the teacher.
3. We don’t play the piano on Sundays.
4. The beautiful girls invite the ugly boys.
5. Does your daughter need a yellow pencil?
6. I like to sing with bald grandpas. (*with = con*)
7. Do you walk with your cousins? (*with = con*)
8. They don’t work on Tuesdays when it is cold. (*when = cuando*)
9. She looks for the skinny snake.
10. We want to buy a large backpack on Monday. (*remember to only conjugate the first verb when there are two in a row*)
11. Do they watch television at 7:30 in the evening on Saturdays?
12. I like to enter through the window. (*through = por*)
13. My mother is smart, beautiful and young.
14. Do you work with the computer on Tuesdays?
15. We don’t need to buy a new stapler.