

## Spanish

### Week 8 – Alex Bailey

¡Hola a todos! We are halfway through the semester, congrats! Keep pushing through to have a successful midterms week and make sure to take a look at previous resources as a good review. Remember, we also provide free online tutoring for Spanish courses, so make sure to schedule appointments as needed at

[https://www.baylor.edu/support\\_programs/index.php?id=40917](https://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=40917)

#### Key Words:

- Question Words
- Contractions with “Con”
- Irregular “u” stem changing verbs - preterite

#### Question Words

In Spanish, like in English, there are certain words we use to indicate we are asking a question. However, there are more question words in Spanish that we will need to go over depending on the situation that we may not have an alternative for in English. Here is a great list of question words that can be found with more details on

<https://www.spanishdict.com/guide/asking-questions-in-spanish>:

Quién - who	cuál - which	adónde - to where
Qué - what	cuáles - which ones	a quién - to whom
Cuándo - when	cuánto - how much	por dónde - where/whereabouts
Dónde - where	cuántos - how many	con quién - with whom
por qué - why	de dónde - from where	
cómo - how, what	para qué - why, for what	

Note some unique situations like “cuántos” and “cuáles” used for situations involving plural objects that doesn’t have an English alternative. This is a great list to get familiar with as you will be asked questions throughout your entire Spanish academic career.

I have attached a link to a great YouTube video that goes further in to detail about question words in Spanish here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4swYF9Szvs>

## Contractions with “Con”

Like in English, Spanish uses contractions, combining words to make phrases shorter or simpler to say. However, some are grammatically required, specifically with the word “con” or “with”. Here are two contractions that are required when using the word “con”

with me – **conmigo**    with you – **contigo**

Here are two examples using these contractions:

¿Quieres ir a la playa conmigo? – Do you want to go to the beach with me?

¿Puedo desayunar contigo? – Can I eat breakfast with you?

## Stem Changing Verbs in the Preterite Tense

In the Preterite tense in Spanish, when conjugating, there are many verbs that experience “stem changes”, or changes to the typically unchanging part of the infinitive form of the verb. That being said, this week we will be going over some important verbs that experience this stem change. Refer to the graphics below to learn how to properly conjugate irregular “u” stem changing verbs:

SUBJECT	<b>CABER</b> (TO FIT)	<b>HABER</b> (TO HAVE)	<b>PODER</b> (TO BE ABLE TO)	<b>PONER</b> (TO PUT)	<b>SABER</b> (TO KNOW)
yo	<b>cupe</b>	<b>hube</b>	<b>pude</b>	<b>puse</b>	<b>supe</b>
tú	<b>cupiste</b>	<b>hubiste</b>	<b>podiste</b>	<b>pusiste</b>	<b>supiste</b>
él, ella, usted	<b>cupo</b>	<b>hubo</b>	<b>pudo</b>	<b>puso</b>	<b>supo</b>
nosotros	<b>cupimos</b>	<b>hubimos</b>	<b>podimos</b>	<b>pusimos</b>	<b>supimos</b>
vosotros	<b>cupisteis</b>	<b>hubisteis</b>	<b>podisteis</b>	<b>pusisteis</b>	<b>supisteis</b>
ellos, ellas, ustedes	<b>cupieron</b>	<b>hubieron</b>	<b>podieron</b>	<b>pusieron</b>	<b>supieron</b>

Next week we will also cover irregular stem changing verbs with “i” stems. This graphic can be found at: <https://www.spanishdict.com/guide/spanish-preterite-stem-changes>

I have also attached a great YouTube that goes further into stem changing verbs in the preterite tense here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJy6DBofyHE>

### Practice time!

Translate the following English sentences into Spanish:

1. He wasn't able to go with me.
2. When did you know?
3. Who are you going with to the dance? With me?
4. How old are you?
5. Which ones do you want today?
6. Where did you put my shirt?
7. How did you know?

### Answers

1. No pudo ir conmigo.
2. ¿Cuándo lo supo?
3. ¿Con quién vas al baile? ¿Conmigo?
4. ¿Qué edad tienes?
5. ¿Cuáles quieres hoy?
6. ¿Dónde pusiste mi camisa?
7. ¿Cómo lo supo?