**Verbos Radicales/ de bota**

(*Stem-changing/boot verbs*)

Stem-changing verbs change in the infinitive AND the stem. Some change e->ie and others change o->ue. They do NOT change in the nosotros form!

**\*\*\*If there are 2 o’s or 2 e’s change the one closest to the infinitive!\*\*\***

preferir (e:ie) volver (o:ue)

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| pref**ie**ro | pref**e**rimos |
| pref**ie**res | (preferís) |
| pref**ie**re | prefieren |

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| Yo v**ue**lvo | Nosotros/as v**o**lvemos |
| Tú v**ue**lves | (volvéis) |
| Él/ v**ue**lve  Ella/Ud | Uds/ellos/ v**ue**lven  ellas |

The verb **jugar** (*to play*) is stem-changing. It’s the only verb that changes u:ue

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| Yo j**ue**go | Nosotros/as j**u**gamos |
| Tú j**ue**gas | Vosotros/as j**u**gáis |
| Él/ella/ j**ue**ga  usted | Uds/ellos/ j**ue**gan  ellas |

We use **a** after the verb before a sport.

**Juego al** baloncesto.

*I play basketball.*

**Some common stem-changing verbs (memorize these)**

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| **e:ie**  **cerrar** *to close*  **empezar (a+inf)** *to begin*  **entender** *to understand*  **pensar** *to think*  **perder** *to lose; miss*  **preferir (+inf)** *to prefer*  **querer (+inf)** *to want; to love* | **o:ue**  **almorzar** *to have lunch*  **contar** *to count; to tell*  **dormir** *to sleep*  **morir** *to die*  **mostrar** *to show*  **poder (+inf)**  *to be able to; can*  **recordar** *to remember*  **volver** *to return* |

**Yo recuerdo mucho de mi abuelo. Nosotros almorzamos a las 12.**

*I remember a lot about my grandfather. We eat lunch at 12.*

**¿Quieres jugar al fútbol o al tenís? Pienso que voy a dormir la siesta.**

*Do you want to play soccer or tenis? I think that I’m going to take a nap.*