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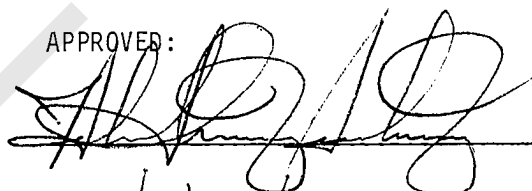


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INTRODUCTION

This Master's Paper will describe, quantify, and subsequently rank-order and analyze morphological irregularity in the first, second and third person singular and the first and third person plural forms of all verbs whose present indicative and/or present subjunctive forms are listed as irregular in the Judith Noble/Jaime Lacasa Handbook of Spanish Verbs (Ames IA: Iowa State University Press, 1980, x, 354 pp.), a volume which fully categorizes 4,862 Spanish verbs, providing complete conjugations for each of 124 archetypes and sub-archetypes.

As description, this paper will concentrate information presently found dispersed throughout Noble/Lacasa 1980. As quantification, this paper will contribute to our knowledge of the degree to which morphological irregularity exists in this one area of the Spanish verb system. As analysis, this paper will serve as prolegomenon to a subsequent study* involving the relationship between (English-) bilingual native Spanish speakers' manipulation of Spanish present tense forms--in particular those used with first person plural pronouns (especially in the subjunctive mood)--and overall proficiency in Spanish.

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VERB TYPES AND MODELS

This section presents pertinent information on the morphologically-irregular verb paradigms in the order in which the source work (Noble/Lacasa 1980) presents it. Description of TYPE (of morphological irregularity) appears largely as Noble/Lacasa gives it. Following TYPE description, cross-referencing is given, parenthetically, to verbs from other Noble/Lacasa sections showing identity of morphological process if not necessarily identity of outcome.

TYPE: -ar with o that becomes ue in the present indicative and the present subjunctive (see also morder)

MODEL:

recordar: recuerdo, recuerdas, recuerda, RECORDAMOS, recuerdan
recuerde, recuerdes, recuerde, RECORDEMOS, recuerden

ITEMS CONFORMING TO TYPE: 103

SECTION IN NOBLE/LACASA: sec. 36

POSSIBLE VARIANTS OF nosotros FORMS: recuérdamos,¹ recuerdamos
recuérdemos, recuerdemos²

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TYPE: -ar with e that becomes ie in the present indicative and the present subjunctive (see also entender)

MODEL:

pensar: pienso, piensas, piensa, PENSAMOS, piensan
piense, pienses, piense, PENSEMOS, piensen

ITEMS CONFORMING TO TYPE: 104

SECTION IN NOBLE/LACASA: sec. 37

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