

# Los Verbos “Backwards”

\*\*\* Backwards verbs are verbs that are conjugated like “Me Gusta.” We call them backwards, because when translated literally you aren’t the subject of the sentence, the thing that you like or don’t like is.

**Example:** *Me gusta el chocolate.* This means “Chocolate is pleasing to me”, not “I like chocolate.”

So, in spanish, the subject of the sentence comes at the end and the object, the person who likes or doesn’t like it, comes at the beginning. It’s opposite from English.

\*\*\* Because the thing a person likes or doesn’t like is the subject of the sentence, the verb is only conjugated in two ways: single or plural. This is where S=N comes handy. If what is liked is **plural**, you must add an “**N**” to the verb. Otherwise, just conjugate the verb like he or she.

**Example:** *Me gusta el chocolate. Me gustan los perros.* (S=N)

\*\*\*The people who like or don’t like change from the subject to the object of the sentence, so the pronoun must change as well. It’s like changing “I” to “Me”. You wouldn’t say “Chocolate is pleasing to I” or “Me like chocolate”.

**Yo** turns to **Me**

**Tú** turns to **Te**

**Él / Ella / Usted** turns to **Le**

**Nosotros** turns to **Nos**

**Vosotros** turns to **Os**

**Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes** turns to **Les**

"NO" comes  
directly before  
these words.



\*\*\*To clarify he / she / they, you have to put “**a**” before their name. This is called the personal “a”.

**Example:** *A María le gusta el chocolate. A ellos les gusta el chocolate.*

## BACKWARDS VERB LIST:



Encanta / Encantan  
Fascina / Fascinan  
Importa / Importan  
Gusta / Gustan  
Interesa / Interesan  
Aburre / Aburren  
Molesta / Molestan  
Fastidia / Fastidian

*To love (a thing, not a person)*  
*To be fascinated with*  
*To be important to*  
*To like*  
*To be interested in*  
*To be bored by*  
*To be bothered by*  
*To hate (a thing, not a person)*

Cae / Caen + (bien/mal)  
Parece / Parecen + (any adj.)  
Toca + (any verb)  
Falta / Faltan + (any noun)

*To get along with someone well/badly*  
*To seem + adjective.*  
*To have to + verb (it's your turn)*  
*To need + noun*