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 gusta**n** lo**s** perro**s**. (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 Nosotros turns to Nos **Tú** turns to **Te** Vosotros turns to Os

ÉI / Ella / Usted turns to Le Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes turns to Les

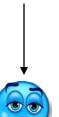
"NO" comes directly before these words.

***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