

Stem-changing verbs: o → ue

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Stem-changing verbs

- Verbs with vowel variations in their stems are called **stem-changing verbs**.
- You have already learned **jugar** where the **u** changes to **ue**.
- In the verb **dormir** (*to sleep*), the **o** of the stem changes to **ue** in all forms except **nosotros(as)** and **vosotros(as)**.

yo **duermo**

nosotros(as) dormimos

tú **duermes**

vosotros(as) dormís

Ud., él, ella **duerme**

Uds., ellos, ellas **duermen**

Almorzar, volver and llover

- Other verbs that follow this pattern are **almorzar** (*to have lunch*), **volver** (*to go back or come back*), and **llover** (*to rain*).

Cuando **llueve**, **vuelvo** a casa en el autobús.

When it rains, I come home on the bus.

Dormir hasta

- Use **dormir hasta** to say you *sleep until* a certain time.

Los domingos **dormimos hasta** las once.

