

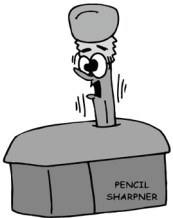
Up until this point in our workbook we've been discussing nouns and articles. It's time to look at another form of speech . . . the all important verb.

What if you want to express that the child likes to do an action (verb)? For example, let's say that you want to write to Mom and Dad that Daniel likes to paint. Instead of putting a noun in the sentence, you will simply place an infinitive verb there instead. Before we start writing these kinds of sentences, however, let's take a look at Spanish verbs.

Verbs, of course, come in many different forms, from infinitive, to conjugated, to participles and more. It's very important to remember that verbs do NOT reflect gender. Let's look at Spanish verbs in their infinitive form. You can always spot an infinitive verb in Spanish because of the letters they end in. Most verbs end in the letters **-ar**, but there are also many that end in **-er**, **-ir**, **-arse**, **-erse** or **-irse**. We will still need a conjugated verb in our sentences, (remember that a clause needs a conjugated verb for it to make sense). In these sentences the conjugated verb is **gusta**. Take a look:

A Daniel le gusta **pintar**.

The sentence construction is the same as on the previous page, but, instead of an article + noun at the end of the sentence, we now have an infinitive verb. What that means is that once you have a list of infinitive verbs to choose from, your possibilities for written comments to parents are limitless!



Activity for Teacher: Use the verbs in the box to help you translate these comments home to Mom and Dad.

to dance - **bailar** to draw - **dibujar** to color - **colorear** to sing - **cantar**

1. Paula likes to color.

_____.

2. Aron likes to sing.

_____.

3. Amelia likes to dance.

_____.

4. Miguel likes to draw.

_____.

1. A Paula le gusta colorear.
2. A Aron le gusta cantar.
3. A Amelia le gusta bailar.
4. A Miguel le gusta dibujar.

There is a big list of verbs on the next page for you to use with these sentence constructions for endless comments to Mom & Dad!



Reminders for Mom & Dad

Please remember that parents are a very important part of their children's education.

Favor de acordarse que los padres son una parte importante en la educación de sus hijos.

Please remember that your involvement has a positive effect on your child.

Favor de acordarse que su participación tiene un efecto positivo en el progreso de su hijo.

Please remember that parents are always welcome to visit us.

Favor de acordarse que los padres siempre son bienvenidos a visitarnos.

Please remember that a set routine is very important to young children.

Favor de acordarse que una rutina establecida es muy importante para los niños pequeños.

Please encourage _____ to read aloud.

Favor de animar a _____ que lea en voz alta.

I would like to arrange a time for a home visit.

Me gustaría establecer una hora para visitar en casa.

I will be accompanied by an interpreter.

Estaré acompañado/a por un intérprete.

Please turn in the permission slip for our field trip _____ on _____.

Favor de entregar el permiso para nuestra excursión _____ el _____.

Take a look
at some
comments
from page
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to the library

a la biblioteca

to the museum

al museo

to the nature center

al centro dedicado a la naturaleza

to the (petting) zoo

al zoológico (de animales domésticos)



Please remember to send a change of clothes with _____ (to keep in the classroom).

Favor de acordarse de enviar un cambio de ropa con _____ (para guardar en el salón).

We (still) need parent volunteers to help with the field trip / in the classroom.

(Todavía) Necesitamos padres para ayudar con la excursión / en el salón de clase.

Pleasantries

_____ is always pleasant.

_____ siempre es agradable.

_____ is always smiling.

_____ siempre se sonríe.

_____ is full of enthusiasm.

_____ está lleno/a de entusiasmo.

_____ is a pleasure to have in class.

_____ es un placer tener en la clase.

_____ gets along very well with others.

_____ se lleva muy bien con los otros.

_____ is nice to everyone.

_____ es agradable con todo el mundo.

_____ always waits patiently in line.

_____ siempre espera con paciencia en cola.



And, here are a
few comments
from page 32.