SPANISH VERB – VESTIRSE

Vestirse según la ocasión – Conjugation of the Spanish Verb "Vestirse"

When learning a new language, it is important to be able to talk about our daily life activities, such as eating, waking up, going to work, taking a shower, etc. Vestirse is one of those verbs we cannot ignore when learning how to talk about our daily routine, since it means "to get dressed, to put on clothes".

What we first have to know is that Vestirse is a reflexive verb, meaning that is one of those actions that you do for and to yourself. You can also identify a reflexive verb because they always end with -se at the end of the infinitive form.

It is crucial to understand that a reflexive verb reflects back to the subject who is doing the action; therefore, if we omit the -se and the end of the verb, we would be talking about a slightly different action. Take a look at these two sentences above:

- Yo me **visto** de la misma manera todos los días. *(English = I dress the same way every day.)*
- Yo **visto** a mi muñeca todos los días. *(English = I dress my doll every day.)*

In the first sentence, you're the one who is doing the action for yourself, since you're the one who's putting your clothes on your own body. Yet, in the second sentence you're doing the action for someone else, in this case for your doll. In the first sentence we're using a reflective verb, and in the second one we don't need it since the verb is no longer reflecting back to the subject Yo = I.

With that being said, let's take a look at the conjugation of this verb in the indicative mood:

Vestirse Conjugation: Present Tense

Subject	Conjugation
Yo	me visto

Subject	Conjugation
Tú	te vistes
Él/Ella/Usted	se viste
Nosotros	nos vestimos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	se visten

We can observe that for every subject we have a different verb conjugation with a different reflexive pronoun. For the conjugation of this verb, we have four different reflexive pronouns:

- me
- te
- se
- nos

When talking about the infinitive form of this verb, you have to use these pronouns according to the subject:

Vestirse (Impersonal Infinitive Mood)

- Vestir**me** (Yo)
- Vestir**te** (Tú)
- Vestir**se** (Él/Ella/Usted)
- Vestir**nos** (Nosotros)
- Vestir**se** (Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes)

You can think of these reflexive pronouns as if you were saying “myself, yourself, himself, etc.” For instance: vestir**me** = to dress **myself**, vestir**te** = to dress **yourself**.

Therefore, we will always need a reflexive pronoun when conjugating a reflexive verb. Both the verb conjugation and the reflexive pronoun match the subject. We can observe this with the conjugation of Vestirse in other tenses:

Irregular forms of the Spanish verb Vestirse are Present Tense (Yo, Tú, Él/Ella/Usted,

Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes), Preterite (Él/Ella/Usted, Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes)

	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Conditional	Future
Yo	me visto	me vestí	me vestía	me vestiría	me vestiré
Tú	te vistes	te vestiste	te vestías	te vestirías	te vestirás
Él/Ella/Usted	se viste	se vistió	se vestía	se vestiría	se vestirá
se vestirá	Nosotros	nos vestimos	nos vestíamos	nos vestiríamos	nos vestiremos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	se visten	se vistieron	se vestían	se vestirían	se vestirán

Examples

- Yo me **vestiré** de blanco para el evento. (English = I will dress in white for the event.)
- Laura (Ella) **se vistió** apresuradamente para poder llegar a tiempo. (English = Laura got dressed hurriedly to be able to arrive on time).
- Nosotros **nos vestíamos** con uniforme para ir a la escuela. (English = We dressed in uniform to go to school).

The one and only… The Subjunctive Mood

When you want to express any wish or desire, the subjunctive mood will be your best ally. Let's take a look at the conjugation of this useful mood:

Subjunctive Form

	Present	Imperfect	Future
Yo	me vista	me vistiera, me vistiese	me vistiere
Tú	te vistas	te vistieras, te vistieses	te vistieres

	Present	Imperfect	Future
Él/Ella/Usted	se vista	se vistiera, se vistiese	se vistiere
Nosotros	nos vistamos	nos vistiéramos, nos vistiésemos	nos vistiéremos
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	se vistan	se vistieran, se vistiesen	se vistieren

Examples:

- Mi mamá quiere que yo **me vista** como ella cuando era joven. (English = My mom wants me to dress like her when she was young).
- Te pedí que **te vistieras** para salir a cenar. (English = I asked you to get dressed to go out to dinner).
- Es importante que usted **se vista** según el código de vestimenta. (English = It is important that you dress according to the dress code).

Imperative Mood of Vestirse

Another common way to use Vestirse is with the Imperative mood which is used to give orders to somebody. You can imagine using the imperative mood of Vestirse when you want somebody to get dressed fastly or for some special occasion. For instance, to go to have dinner with somebody, where you want your guest to get dressed the best he or she can

Imperative

	Afirmative	Negative
Tú	vístete	no te vistas
Usted	vístase	no se vista

	Afirmative	Negative
Nosotros	vistámonos	no nos vistamos
Ustedes	vístanse	no se vistan

Examples:

- **Vístete** para ir a la boda. (English = Dress up to go to the wedding).
- **No se vistan** con ropa de invierno para ir a Hawái. (English = Don't dress in winter clothes to go to Hawaii).
- **Vístase** con el uniforme de la empresa. (English = Dress in the company uniform).

Okay! Enough said... Let's get into a little bit of practice! Yay!

Vestirse – Quiz/Worksheet

Instruction: Fill in the blanks with the correct conjugation of the verb Vestirse.

1. ¡Siempre_____de la misma forma! (You always dress the same way!).

2. A Susana le gusta_____de amarillo. (Susana likes to dress in yellow).

3. Cuando iba a la primaria, yo_____sin ayuda de nadie todos los días. (When I was in elementary school, I would get dressed without anyone's help every day).

4. Mi papá_____de payaso para mi fiesta de cumpleaños. (My dad dressed up as a clown for my birthday party).

5. De ahora en adelante, mis hijos_____por su cuenta. (From now on, my children will dress themselves).

6. Me gustaría que_____ un poco más formal. (I wish you would dress a little more formal).

7. El director nos pidió que_____de blanco para asistir a la ceremonia. (The principal asked us to dress in white to attend the ceremony).

8. ¡_____de una vez! (Dress up at once!).

Answers to the quiz.

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1. te vistes

2. vestirse

3. me vestía

4. se vistió

5. se vestirán

6. te vistieras/te vistieses

7. nos vistiéramos/nos vistiésemos

8. vístete

So, that's it for now regarding this verb. Remember that practice makes perfect, so what are you waiting for? Book a lesson with us to put everything you've just learned into practice! We hope you now have a better and deeper understanding of this verb and that you can get dressed more smoothly in Spanish! See you next time.

P.S. Can you guess what the title of this article means? If you said, “Dress according to the occasion” you are on the right track!