

CAPÍTULO 6

THE VERB *TO KNOW*

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In English There is one verb that means **to know**. It can be used to refer to facts and information, to a person or place, or to an activity (*how to do something*).

We **know** the answer.
Laura **knows** my sister.
Brad and Maika **know** the area.
I **know** how to dance.

information
person
place
activity

A Underline the form of the verb **to know**. Then state whether the verb refers to **information**, an **activity**, a **person**, or a **place**.

1. The sisters know the dance.
2. I know his cousin.
3. We know how to get to the town.
4. The guide knows the work of art.
5. You know the neighborhood.
6. They know my grandmother.
7. Clarisa knows the lesson.
8. Bobby and Marc know the restaurant.

activity

In Spanish There are two verbs that mean *to know*: **saber** and **conocer**.

- **Saber** is used to refer to facts and information.

Nosotros **sabemos** el vocabulario. *information*

When followed by an infinitive, **saber** means *to know how to (do an activity)*.

Yo **sé** bailar. *activity*

- **Conocer** can be translated as *to know* or *to be acquainted with* and is used to refer to a person or a place.

Brad y Maika **conocen** el área. *place*

Use the personal **a** after the verb **conocer** when referring to a person or people.

Laura **conoce a** mi hermana. *person*

B Underline the form of the verb **saber** or **conocer** in each sentence. Then state whether the verb refers to **information**, an **activity**, a **person**, or a **place**.

1. Ana sabe usar la computadora. _____ **activity** _____
2. Ellos saben tocar la guitarra. _____
3. Mi primo conoce a Britney Spears. _____
4. Nosotros sabemos escribir la fecha en español. _____
5. Su hermana mayor conoce la discoteca. _____
6. Yo sé escribir en chino. _____
7. ¿Ustedes conocen a mi madre? _____
8. ¿Conoces este lugar? _____

C Circle the verb that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Leann (sabe/conoce) cantar muy bien.
2. Yo (sé/conozco) a la hermana de José.
3. Nosotros (sabemos/conocemos) la casa de la profesora.
4. Emilia y Jacobo (saben/conocen) su número de teléfono.
5. Tú (sabes/conoces) a la secretaria.
6. Ustedes (saben/conocen) escribir poemas.
7. Rodrigo (sabe/conoce) el parque de atracciones.
8. Ellas (saben/conocen) cocinar pasteles de chocolate.

D Use the clues to write questions in Spanish using **saber** or **conocer**.

1. Ask your friend if she knows a good restaurant nearby.
¿Conoces un buen restaurante cerca de aquí?

2. Ask your friend if she knows where the restaurant is.

3. Ask the teacher if he knows the new student.

4. Ask the teacher if he knows the new student's name.

5. Ask the new students if they know how to get to the library.

6. Ask your parents if they know your classmates.
