



SPANISH TABLE

Verbs of becoming



Different uses of poner/ponerse:			
	Use	Example	Translation
Verb of change	Ponerse + adjective	<i>Cuando la profe me pidió que hablara, ¡me puse roja!</i>	When the teacher asked me to talk, I blushed!
	Ponerse + preposition + noun	<i>Las chaquetas de mezclilla se pusieron de moda hace unas décadas.</i>	Jean jackets became fashionable a few decades ago.
Not a verb of change	Ponerse + noun [to put on] (reflexive)	<i>Me gusta ponerme maquillaje para sentirme más segura de mí misma.</i>	I like to put on makeup to feel more confident.
	Ponerse a + infinitive [to start an activity]	<i>Nos pusimos a trabajar inmediatamente.</i>	We began to work immediately.
	Poner + noun [to put, place, set]	<i>En mi casa mis padres me piden que ponga la mesa todos los días.</i>	At my house my parents ask me to set the table each day.

Different uses of hacer/hacerse:			
	Use	Example	Translation
Verb of change	Hacerse + noun of profession/career/job/ belief/religion/political ideology	<i>A mi hermana siempre le ha gustado cocinar, por eso se hizo chef.</i>	My sister has always liked cooking, that's why she became a chef.
	Hacerse + adjective describing qualities of a person, thing, or situation	<i>Hubo tantos cambios que alteraron el ambiente en mi trabajo. Se hizo insostenible trabajar allí y por eso me fui.</i>	There were so many changes that altered the environment at my job. It became unbearable to work there and that's why I left.
Not a verb of change	Hacerse [to make, to do] + noun (reflexive)	<i>Cuando tengo tiempo, me gusta hacerme las uñas.</i>	When I have time, I like to do my nails.
	Hacer [to make, to do] + noun	<i>Hago la cena para mi familia cada noche porque me encanta cocinar.</i>	I make dinner for my family each night because I love to cook.



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Even MORE verbs of change!

Here are some additional verbs in Spanish that can translate to “to become” or “to get.”
A lot of these are derived from adjectives. Here are some examples:



Verb	Change of state
<i>aburrirse (de)</i>	to get bored
<i>alegrarse (de)</i>	to become happy
<i>asustarse (de)</i>	to get frightened
<i>cansarse (de)</i>	to become tired
<i>despertarse</i>	to wake up (from being asleep)
<i>dormirse</i>	to fall asleep (from being awake)
<i>enamorarse</i>	to fall in love
<i>enfadarse</i>	to become angry
<i>engordarse</i>	to become fat
<i>enloquecer(se)</i>	to go mad
<i>envejecer</i>	to grow old
<i>morirse</i>	to die (from being alive)
<i>relajarse</i>	to become relaxed
<i>sentarse</i>	to sit down (from standing to sitting)
<i>sorprenderse</i>	to become surprised



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Verb	Voluntary/involuntary change	Type of change	Followed by...	Examples
<i>ponerse</i>	involuntary	temporary	adjectives of health and mood (those used with <i>estar</i> except participles)	<i>rojo</i> (embarrassed), <i>nervioso</i> (nervous), <i>enfermo</i> (sick), <i>contento</i> (happy), <i>triste</i> (sad), <i>elegante</i> (fancy)
<i>quedarse</i>	involuntary (consequence of other events)	permanent or temporary	adjectives or preposition + noun	<i>calvo</i> (bald), <i>ciego</i> (blind), <i>sordo</i> (deaf), <i>mudo</i> (mute), <i>cojo</i> (disabled), <i>soltero</i> (single), <i>viudo</i> (widowed), <i>embarazada</i> (pregnant), <i>sorprendido</i> (surprised), <i>en blanco</i> (blank), <i>sin habla</i> (speechless)
<i>volverse</i>	involuntary	long-lasting	adjectives used with <i>ser</i> or nouns (preceded by <i>un, una</i> [a])	<i>importante</i> (important), <i>famoso</i> (famous), <i>confiado</i> (trusting), <i>loco</i> (crazy), <i>tímido</i> (timid), <i>alérgico</i> (allergic), <i>un peligro</i> (a danger), <i>un problema</i> (a problem), <i>un desafío</i> (a challenge), <i>una prioridad</i> (a priority)
<i>hacerse</i>	voluntary unless it's a natural process	gradual	adjectives used with <i>ser</i> or nouns (profession, beliefs, ideology)	<i>rico</i> (rich), <i>millonario</i> (millionaire) <i>famoso</i> (famous), <i>insoportable</i> (unbearable), <i>viejo</i> (old), <i>fácil</i> (easy), <i>difícil</i> (hard), <i>vegetariano</i> (vegetarian), <i>profesor</i> (professor), <i>doctor</i> (doctor), <i>liberal</i> (liberal), <i>conservador</i> (conservative)
<i>convertirse en</i>	voluntary unless it's a natural process	radical	nouns	<i>católico</i> (Catholic), <i>budista</i> (Buddhist), <i>vegano</i> (vegan), <i>polvo</i> (dust), <i>oro</i> (gold), <i>diamante</i> (diamond)
<i>llegar a ser</i>	both	slow process	nouns or adjectives	<i>presidente</i> (president), <i>actor/actriz</i> (actor), <i>famoso</i> (famous) <i>útil</i> (useful), <i>abrumador</i> (overwhelming), <i>importante</i> (important)

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