

Gustar & Friends

Languages

The backwards verbs, and why the grammar feels inverted.

The thing liked is the subject; the person is an indirect object.

Me gusta el libro = the book is pleasing to me

I like the book

Singular thing, singular verb.

Me gusta el libro

I like books

Plural thing, plural verb.

Me gustan los libros

I like to read

An infinitive is singular.

Me gusta leer

THE COMMON MISTAKE

✗ **Yo gusto el libro**

✓ **Me gusta el libro**

Yo gusto means 'I am pleasing'. The verb agrees with the thing, not the person.

Same pattern: encantar, interesar, importar, faltar, doler, quedar, parecer. Me duele la cabeza works identically.