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Presentación de gramática

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Goal: Learn how to form negative **tú** commands.

Negative Tú Commands

- **Regular Verbs** A negative **tú** command is used to tell a friend, family member, or someone with whom you are familiar not to do something. Read and study the chart.

Infinitive	Present Tense	Negative tú Commands
hablar	yo hablo	¡No hables tanto! (Don't talk so much!)
correr	yo corro	¡No corras tanto! (Don't run so much!)
dormir	yo duermo	¡No duermas tanto! (Don't sleep so much!)

EXPLANATION: To form a negative **tú** command, drop the **-o** ending of the present indicative and add these endings: for **-ar** verbs, add **-es**; for **-er** and **-ir** verbs, add **-as**.

- **Verbs with Spelling Changes** Study the negative **tú** commands for **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** verbs.

Infinitive	Present Tense	Negative tú Commands
tocar	Yo toco la cámara.	¡No la toques ! (Don't touch it!)
apagar	Yo apago las luces.	¡No las apagues ! (Don't turn them off!)
comenzar	Yo comienzo la escena.	¡No la comiences ! (Don't start it!)

EXPLANATION: Verbs that end in **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** have the same spelling changes as in the **yo** form of the preterite: the **c** changes to **qu**, the **g** to **gu**, and the **z** to **c**. These changes are necessary to keep the correct pronunciation. Also note that pronouns with negative **tú** commands appear before the verb.

- **Irregular Verbs** Some verbs have irregular negative **tú** commands. Study these below.

Infinitive	dar (to give)	ir (to go)	saber (to know)	estar (to be)	ser (to be)
Negative tú Command	no des (don't give)	no vayas (don't go)	no sepas (don't know)	no estés (don't be)	no seas (don't be)

EXPLANATION: Verbs whose **yo** form in the present indicative does not end in **-o**, such as **doy**, **voy**, **sé**, **estoy**, **soy**, have irregular negative **tú** commands. These must be memorized.