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**¡AVANZA!**

**Goal:** Review affirmative and negative **tú** commands.

## Affirmative **tú** commands

- **Regular verbs** Read the sentence in the left column. Then read the command in the right column. Compare the boldfaced verbs in both. Are they the same or different?

Jorge **recoge** la basura.                      Jorge, **¡recoge** la basura, por favor!  
*(Jorge **picks up** the trash.)                      (Jorge, **pick up** the trash, please!)*

**EXPLANATION:** Regular affirmative **tú** commands are the same as the **él / ella / usted** form of the present tense.

- **Irregular verbs** Read these sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

Ana **pone** un anuncio en la prensa.                      Ana, **¡pon** un anuncio en la prensa, por favor!  
*(Ana **puts** an announcement in the press.)                      (Ana, **put** an announcement in the press, please.)*

**EXPLANATION:** **Poner** has an irregular affirmative **tú** command. Study the other irregular affirmative **tú** commands in the box below.

decir	hacer	ir	poner	salir	ser	tener	venir
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
di	haz	ve	pon	sal	sé	ten	ven

- **Negative **tú** Commands** Read the following sentences.

Yo **trabajo** mucho.                      **¡No trabajes** demasiado!  
*(I **work** a lot.)                      (**Don't work** too much!)*

**EXPLANATION:** Negative **tú** commands are formed with the **yo** form of verbs in the present tense. With **-ar** verbs, the **-o** ending is dropped and **-es** added; **-er** and **-ir** verbs add **-as**. If the present tense of a verb does not end with **-o**, the negative **tú** command is irregular. Study the following irregular commands in the chart below.

Infinitive	Yo form	Negative <b>tú</b> command
dar	doy	no des
estar	estoy	no estés
ir	voy	no vayas
ser	soy	no seas

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**Goal:** Review **usted**, **ustedes**, and **nosotros** command forms.

## Review of other command forms

- **Regular Commands** Read the following **usted** and **nosotros** commands.

Yo **trabajo** mucho. (*I work a lot.*)                      ¡No **trabaje** demasiado! (*Don't work too much!*)

**Hablamos** ahora. (*We are speaking now.*)                      ¡No **hablemos** ahora! (*Let's not speak now!*)

**EXPLANATION:** Use the **yo** form of the present tense to form the **usted** command. Drop the **-o** ending. Add **-e** to **-ar** verbs, and **-a** to **-er** and **-ir** verbs. Add **-n** to make the command plural. Use the **nosotros** form of the present tense to form the **nosotros** command. For **-ar** verbs, change **-amos** to **-emos**. For **-er** and **-ir** verbs, change **-emos** and **-imos** to **-amos**. To make the commands negative, simply place **no** in front of the verb. Study the chart below.

Infinitive	Present	Command Forms		
		Usted	Ustedes	Nosotros
solicitar	yo solicito	(no) solicite	(no) soliciten	(no) solicitemos
traer	yo traigo	(no) traiga	(no) traigan	(no) traigamos
recibir	yo recibo	(no) reciba	(no) reciban	(no) recibamos

- **Irregular *usted* Commands** Read the following **usted** commands.

**Raúl va** al comedor de beneficencia.                      ¡**Vaya** al comedor de beneficencia, por favor!  
*(Raúl is going to the soup kitchen.)*                      *(Go to the soup kitchen, please!)*

**EXPLANATION:** If the **yo** form of the verb in the present tense does not end with **-o**, this is a clue that the verb is irregular. Study these irregular command forms in the chart below.

Infinitive	dar	estar	ir	saber	ser
usted	(no) <b>dé</b>	(no) <b>esté</b>	(no) <b>vaya</b>	(no) <b>sepa</b>	(no) <b>sea</b>
ustedes	(no) <b>den</b>	(no) <b>estén</b>	(no) <b>vayan</b>	(no) <b>sepan</b>	(no) <b>sean</b>

- **Spelling Changes** Read the following sentences.

**Busco** a unos voluntarios.                      ¡**Busque** a unos voluntarios, por favor!  
*(I am looking for some volunteers.)*                      *(Look for some volunteers, please!)*

**EXPLANATION:** Verbs ending in **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** have the same spelling changes in the **usted** command as in preterite tense: **c** → **qu**, **g** → **gu**, and **z** → **c**.

Infinitive	Usted	Ustedes	Nosotros
buscar	(no) busque	(no) busquen	(no) busquemos
pagar	(no) pague	(no) paguen	(no) paguemos
organizar	(no) organice	(no) organicen	(no) organicemos

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