

NOTES: Tú commands, regular, affirmative

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Goal: Learn how to use affirmative **tú** commands.

Affirmative tú commands

- Giving a command is telling someone what to do. Study the following commands, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

- ¡**Estudia** la lección! (*Study the lesson!*)
- ¡**Aprende** español! (*Learn Spanish!*)
- ¡**Escribe** la carta! (*Write the letter!*)

EXPLANATION: Regular affirmative **tú** commands use the **él/ella/usted** form in the present tense. Study the following chart of affirmative **tú** commands.

Infinitive	Present Tense	Affirmative tú Command
estudiar (to study)	(Él/ella) estudia . (He/she studies.)	¡ Estudia! (Study!)
hablar (to speak)	(Él/ella) habla . (He/she speaks.)	¡ Habla! (Speak!)
aprender (to learn)	(Él/ella) aprende . (He/she learns.)	¡ Aprende! (Learn!)
correr (to run)	(Él/ella) corre . (He/she runs.)	¡ Corre! (Run!)
escribir (to write)	(Él/ella) escribe . (He/she writes.)	¡ Escribe! (Write!)
subir (to climb)	(Él/ella) sube . (He/she climbs.)	¡ Sube! (Climb!)

- Read these commands, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

- ¡Estudia **la lección!** → ¡Estúdiala!
(Study **the lesson**.) (Study **it**.)
- ¡Aprende **los verbos!** → ¡Apréndelos!
(Learn **the verbs**.) (Learn **them**.)
- ¡Escribe **la carta!** → ¡Escríbela!
(Write **the letter**.) (Write **it**.)

EXPLANATION: When using a command with a *direct object pronoun*, attach the pronoun to the end. To retain the original stress, add an *accent* when you attach a pronoun to a command of two or more syllables.

Notes: Tú commands, REGULAR & IRREGULAR, negative

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Goal: Learn how to form negative tú commands.

Negative Tú Commands

REGULAR

- **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.

-CAR / -GAR / -ZAR

- **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

- **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.