

Los Mandatos Afirmativos e Informales

Commands, also known as the imperative tense, can get a little tricky in Spanish. The ideas we're going to cover here are pretty easy, but it's WHEN to use it that is a problem.

These are affirmative tú commands. Only use when:

1. You are talking to one person.
2. You treat that person informally (not your boss).
3. You are telling them TO DO something.
(This does not work to tell someone NOT to do something)

- To tell your friend to do something, take the verb and use the él/ella/Ud. form of the verb.

-Come tu manzana

-¡Trabaja!

-Corre, chico, corre

- Because they use the he/she form, it is really important that you make sure that your friend knows that you are talking to them and telling them something.
- There are a few verbs that have weird, irregular forms.

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| ○ Ir – ve | ● Tener – Ten |
| ○ Venir – to come – ven | ● Ser - sé |
| ○ Decir – to say – di | ● Hacer – to do – haz |
| ○ Poner – to put - pon | ● Salir – to leave - sal |

- You can also combine the me and te from “gustar” to add direction to the command.
 - Ayúdame – help **me**
 - Dime – tell **me**
 - Mirame – look at **me**
 - Lávate las manos – wash **your** hands.
 - Note that as you add onto the verb, you may need an accent.

Escribe en inglés:

1. Ven aquí por favor.
2. Escribe tres frases más.
3. Mira a la pizarra.
4. Limpia tu dormitorio.
5. Descríbeme tu proyecto.
6. ¡Espérame!