

Spanish Informal Commands

Commands - telling somebody to DO something!

Commands are when you are telling (not asking!) somebody to DO something. Here are patterns for someone you would call "tú." Commands are important because if you go to a Spanish speaking country, they are one of the first things you will listen to!

verb ending		DO!
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AR cantar to sing		-a canta
ER aprender to learn		-e aprende
IR vivir to live		-e vive

Practice saying the following commands in their affirmative forms

llamar	call	llama
tomar	take	toma
comer	eat	come
ver	see	ve
dormir	sleep	duerme
escribir	write	escribe

Intro to Informal Commands (mandatos informales)

The following is meant as a supplement to the p 82 book explanation of tú commands. It can't hurt to see it all one more time:

I. Mandatos afirmativos: Affirmative tú commands are pretty easy. You simply use the regular THIRD PERSON (él/ella/Ud.) form of the verb:

Yo quiero cantar --> Pues, ¡canta!

Yo quiero vivir --> Pues, ¡vive!

There are nine common verbs that have irregular tú command forms:

decir --> di

salir --> sal

ser --> sé

hacer --> haz

poner --> pon

ir --> ve

tener --> ten

venir --> ven

III. Posiciones de los pronombres y complementos: This is the same with Ud. commands: direct object, indirect object, and reflexive pronouns **are** attached to affirmative commands. (Affirmative = **yes**, you **do** attach pronouns.) You will need to write in an accent mark if adding the pronoun(s) makes the affirmative command more than two syllables long. The stress stays on the verb stem.

Ejemplos:

- Mira tu examen. → Míralo.
- Ponte los zapatos. → Póntelos.
- Pon la mesa. → Ponla

Tú Commands. For each blank, give the correct form of the tú-command of the verb in infinitive in the first sentence. Put only one answer in each blank. Tab between answers. Use only lower case letters for your answers. Click on the button to see your score. If you mistakenly move to another page, use your browser to return to this page.

Debes ser bueno. _____ bueno.

Debes tener cuidado. _____ cuidado.

Debes hacer la tarea. _____ la tarea.

Debes comer bien. _____ bien.

Debes limpiar la cocina. _____ la cocina.

Debes cerrar la ventana. _____ la ventana.

Debes ir a clase. _____ a clase.

Debes creer lo que digo. _____ lo que digo.

Debes poner la mesa. _____ la mesa.