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Nosotros/as commands



ANTE TODO

You have already learned familiar (**tú**) commands and formal (**usted/ustedes**) commands. You will now learn **nosotros/as** commands, which are used to give orders or suggestions that include yourself and other people.

- ▶ **Nosotros/as** commands correspond to the English *Let's*.
- ▶ Both affirmative and negative **nosotros/as** commands are generally formed by using the first-person plural form of the present subjunctive.

Crucemos la calle.
Let's cross the street.

No crucemos la calle.
Let's not cross the street.

- ▶ The affirmative *Let's + [verb]* command may also be expressed with **vamos a + [infinitive]**. However, remember that **vamos a + [infinitive]** can also mean *we are going to (do something)*. Context and tone of voice determine which meaning is being expressed.

Vamos a cruzar la calle.
Let's cross the street.

Vamos a trabajar mucho.
We're going to work a lot.

- ▶ To express *Let's go*, the present indicative form of **ir (vamos)** is used, not the subjunctive. For the negative command, however, the subjunctive is used.

Vamos a la pescadería.

No **vayamos** a la pescadería.

Pensemos, ¿adónde fuiste hoy?



¡Eso es! ¡El carro de Miguel! Vamos.



- ▶ Object pronouns are always attached to affirmative **nosotros/as** commands. A written accent is added to maintain the original stress.

Firmemos el cheque.
Firmémoslo.

Escribamos a Ana y Raúl.
Escribámosles.

- ▶ Object pronouns are placed in front of negative **nosotros/as** commands.

No **les paguemos** el préstamo.

No **se lo digamos** a ellos.



¡INTÉNTALO!

Indica los mandatos afirmativos y negativos de la primera persona del plural (**nosotros/as**) de estos verbos.

- estudiar estudiemos, no estudiemos
- cenar _____
- leer _____
- decidir _____
- decir _____
- cerrar _____
- levantarse _____
- irse _____

CONSULTA

Remember that stem-changing **-ir** verbs have an additional stem change in the **nosotros/as** and **vosotros/as** forms of the present subjunctive. To review these forms, see **Estructura 12.3**, p. 423.

¡ATENCIÓN!

When **nos** or **se** is attached to an affirmative **nosotros/as** command, the final **-s** is dropped from the verb ending.

Sentémonos allí.

Démoselo a ella.

Mandémoselo a ellos.

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The **nosotros/as** command form of **irse** is **vámonos**. Its negative form is **no nos vayamos**.

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