

## 11.1

## Familiar commands



## ANTE TODO

In Spanish, the command forms are used to give orders or advice. You use **tú** commands (**mandatos familiares**) when you want to give an order or advice to someone you normally address with the familiar **tú**.

## Affirmative tú commands

## Infinitive

hablar  
guardar  
prender  
volver  
pedir  
imprimir

## Present tense él/ella form

habla  
guarda  
prende  
vuelve  
pide  
imprime

## Affirmative tú command

**habla** (tú)  
**guarda** (tú)  
**prende** (tú)  
**vuelve** (tú)  
**pide** (tú)  
**imprime** (tú)

- Affirmative **tú** commands usually have the same form as the **él/ella** form of the present indicative.

**Guarda** el documento antes de cerrarlo. **Imprime** tu tarea para la clase de inglés.  
*Save the document before closing it. Print your homework for English class.*

- The following verbs have irregular affirmative **tú** commands.

## Irregular affirmative tú commands

decir  
hacer  
ir  
poner

**di**  
**haz**  
**ve**  
**pon**

salir  
ser  
tener  
venir

**sal**  
**sé**  
**ten**  
**ven**

¡**Sal** ahora mismo!  
*Leave at once!*

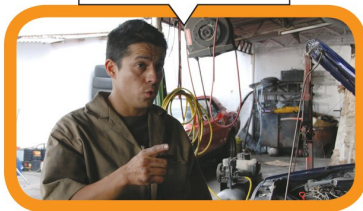
**Haz** los ejercicios.  
*Do the exercises.*

- Since **ir** and **ver** have the same **tú** command (**ve**), context will determine the meaning.

**Ve** al cibercafé con Yolanda.  
*Go to the cybercafé with Yolanda.*

**Ve** ese programa... es muy interesante.  
*See that program... it's very interesting.*

Súbete al coche  
y préndelo.



No lo manejes  
en la carretera.



- ▶ The negative **tú** commands are formed by dropping the final **-o** of the **yo** form of the present tense. For **-ar** verbs, add **-es**. For **-er** and **-ir** verbs, add **-as**.

Negative tú commands		
Infinitive	Present tense yo form	Negative tú command
hablar	hablo	<b>no hables</b> (tú)
guardar	guardo	<b>no guardes</b> (tú)
prender	prendo	<b>no prendas</b> (tú)
volver	vuelvo	<b>no vuelvas</b> (tú)
pedir	pido	<b>no pidas</b> (tú)

Héctor, **no pares** el carro aquí.  
*Héctor, don't stop the car here.*

**No prendas** la computadora todavía.  
*Don't turn on the computer yet.*

**¡ATENCIÓN!**

In affirmative commands, reflexive, indirect, and direct object pronouns are always attached to the end of the verb. In negative commands, these pronouns always precede the verb.

**Bórralos/No los borres.** **Escríbeles** un mensaje electrónico./**No les escribas** un mensaje electrónico.

When a pronoun is attached to an affirmative command that has two or more syllables, an accent mark is added to maintain the original stress:  
**borra** → **bórralos**  
**prende** → **préndela**  
**imprime** → **imprímelo**

- ▶ Verbs with irregular **yo** forms maintain the same irregularity in their negative **tú** commands. These verbs include **conducir, conocer, decir, hacer, ofrecer, oír, poner, salir, tener, traducir, traer, venir, and ver.**

**No pongas** el disco en la computadora.  
*Don't put the disk in the computer.*

**No conduzcas** tan rápido.  
*Don't drive so fast.*

- ▶ Note also that stem-changing verbs keep their stem changes in negative **tú** commands.

No **pierdas** tu celular. No **vuelvas** a esa gasolinera. No **repitas** las instrucciones.  
*Don't lose your cell phone. Don't go back to that gas station. Don't repeat the instructions.*

- ▶ Verbs ending in **-car, -gar, and -zar** have a spelling change in the negative **tú** commands.

sacar	<b>c</b> → <b>qu</b>	no sa <b>ques</b>
apagar	<b>g</b> → <b>gu</b>	no apa <b>gues</b>
almorzar	<b>z</b> → <b>c</b>	no almu <b>erces</b>

- ▶ The following verbs have irregular negative **tú** commands.

Irregular negative tú commands	
dar	<b>no des</b>
estar	<b>no estés</b>
ir	<b>no vayas</b>
saber	<b>no sepas</b>
ser	<b>no seas</b>

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**¡INTÉNTALO!**

Indica los mandatos familiares afirmativos y negativos de estos verbos.

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|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. correr     | <u>Corre</u> más rápido. | No <u>corras</u> más rápido. |
| 2. llenar     | _____ el tanque.         | No _____ el tanque.          |
| 3. salir      | _____ ahora.             | No _____ ahora.              |
| 4. descargar  | _____ ese documento.     | No _____ ese documento.      |
| 5. levantarse | _____ temprano.          | No _____ temprano.           |
| 6. hacerlo    | _____ ya.                | No _____ ahora.              |