

# APUNTES: MANDATOS AFIRMATIVOS USTED

## NOTES: AFFIRMATIVE USTED COMMANDS

A To tell someone to do something, use an affirmative singular command. The usted commands are used when being polite or respectful and thus, are “requesting” someone to do something, such as with your boss, or a stranger. The regular affirmative usted command is formed by taking the yo form of the present tense, dropping the –o, and adding the appropriate él/ella/ud. ending (just with the opposite vowel).

Canto > cantø + e                      for –ar verbs.  
 Tengo > tengø + a                      for –er & -ir verbs.

<u>INFINITIVE</u>	<u>YO FORM</u>	<u>AFFIRMATIVE USTED COMMAND</u>
abrir	abro	abra
beber	bebo	beba
cantar	canto	cante
hacer	hago	haga
pensar	pienso	piense
venir	vengo	venga
volver	vuelvo	vuelva

**Hable más alto.**                                      Talk louder.  
**Coma la comida.**                                      Eat the meal.  
**Escriba un párrafo en español.**                      Write one paragraph in Spanish.

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| 1. Wash the car. _____     | 7. Play! _____   |
| 2. Read your book. _____   | 8. Eat! _____    |
| 3. Walk home. _____        | 9. Jump! _____   |
| 4. Buy your books. _____   | 10. Climb! _____ |
| 5. Live at home. _____     | 11. Look! _____  |
| 6. Do your homework. _____ | 12. Clean! _____ |

B **Irregulars.** There are a number of irregular verbs in the formal affirmative command form.

- 1.) If the Yo form is irregular in the Present Tense, it will be irregular in the Usted Command Form.
- 2.) If there is a stem change in the Present Tense, there will also be a stem change in the command.
- 3.) Verbs that end in “y” in the Present Tense “yo” form, and “saber”, are irregular:

<b>Usted command</b>	<b>Meaning / English</b>	<b>Infinitive</b>
Dé	To give	Dar
Esté	To be	Estar
Sea	To be	Ser
Vaya	To go	Ir
Sepa	To know	Saber

1. Do your homework. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Give him your money. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Come to my house. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Put the book on the table. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have a good day. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Leave on time. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Go to the office. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Be smart. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Tell me the truth. \_\_\_\_\_

C **Pronoun Placement.** If the command includes a pronoun (indirect, direct, or reflexive), The pronoun **MUST BE ATTACHED** to the command form. **ATTACH to the AFFIRMATIVE!**

Levántese, por favor.	Stand up please.
Estúdielas.	Study them. (the words/ las palabras)
Hágalo.	Do it. (the chore/el quehacer)
Dígame la verdad.	Tell me the truth.
Dígamela.	Tell it to me. (the truth/la verdad)
Búsquelo.	Find it. (your new seat/tu asiento nuevo)
Léalo.	Read it. (the dialog/el diálogo)
Démelo.	Give it (the money/el dinero) to me.

1. Sit (yourself) down! \_\_\_\_\_ (sentarse)
2. Wash your hands! \_\_\_\_\_ (lavarse)
3. Hide! \_\_\_\_\_ (escondarse)
4. Brush your hair. \_\_\_\_\_ (cepillarse)
5. Take a shower. \_\_\_\_\_ (ducharse)
6. Go to bed on time. \_\_\_\_\_ (acostarse)
7. Get dressed. \_\_\_\_\_ (vestirse)

**Accents.** Be sure to add an accent when you attach a pronoun to retain the original stress. See the examples under letter C above.

- ★ Words ending in a vowel, or the letters n or s, are stressed on the next to last syllable.
- ★ Words ending in a consonant other than n or s are stressed on the last syllable.
- ★ Words that have accents are stressed on the syllable with the accent.

## APUNTES: MANDATOS NEGATIVOS: USTED

### NOTES: NEGATIVE USTED COMMANDS

- A When you tell a person not to do something, use a negative singular command. Remember, the usted commands are used when being polite or respectful and thus, are “requesting” someone not to do something, such as with your boss, or a stranger. The regular negative usted command is formed in the same way as the affirmative usted form, by taking the yo form of the present tense, dropping the –o, and adding the appropriate él/ella/ud. ending (just with the opposite vowel).

Canto > canto + e for –ar verbs.  
 Tengo > tengo + a for –er & -ir verbs.

<u>INFINITIVE</u>	<u>YO FORM</u>	<u>NEGATIVE USTED COMMAND</u>
abrir	abro	no abra
beber	bebo	no beba
cantar	canto	no cante
pensar	pienso	no piense
venir	vengo	no venga
volver	vuelvo	no vuelva

\*Remember that some verbs will require spelling changes to keep the pronunciation consistent.

**CAR:** No lo **toque**. Don't touch it.  
 No **practique** deportes esta tarde. Do not practice sports this afternoon.

**GAR:** No **llegue** tarde. Don't arrive late.  
 No **pague** la cuenta. Do not pay the bill.

**ZAR:** No **almuerce** con Henrietta. Don't eat lunch with Henrietta.

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| 1. Don't talk. _____ (hablar) | 6. Don't steal. _____ (robar)     |
| 2. Don't eat. _____ (comer)   | 7. Don't pay. _____ (pagar)       |
| 3. Don't watch. _____ (ver)   | 8. Don't jump. _____ (saltar)     |
| 4. Don't play. _____ (jugar)  | 9. Don't make it. _____ (hacer)   |
| 5. Don't lie. _____ (mentir)  | 10. Don't write. _____ (escribir) |

- B **Irregular negative usted commands.** Must memorize!

<u>INFINITIVE</u>	<u>NEGATIVE UD. COMMAND</u>	<u>EJEMPLOS / EXAMPLES</u>
ser	no sea	No sea malo. Don't be bad.
dar	no dé	
ir	no vaya	No vaya a la tienda. Don't go to the store.
saber	no sepa	
estar	no esté	No esté confundido. Don't be confused.

1. Don't give. \_\_\_\_\_ (dar)
2. Don't be sad. \_\_\_\_\_ (estar)
3. Don't go. \_\_\_\_\_ (ir)
4. Don't know. \_\_\_\_\_ (saber)
5. Don't be stupid. \_\_\_\_\_ (ser)

**C** **Pronoun Placement.** Do **NOT** attach pronouns to **NEGATIVE** commands!

No se acueste tarde.	Don't go to bed late.
No se siente.	Don't sit down.
No le dé el dinero a Paco.	Do not give Paco the money.
No se duche ahora.	Don't shower now.

1. Don't get up! \_\_\_\_\_ (levantarse)
2. Don't wash your hands! \_\_\_\_\_ (lavarse)
3. Don't brush your hair. \_\_\_\_\_ (cepillarse)
4. Don't take a bath. \_\_\_\_\_ (bañarse)
5. Don't wake up late. \_\_\_\_\_ (despertarse)
6. Don't touch me. \_\_\_\_\_ (tocar / me)
7. Don't lie to me. \_\_\_\_\_ (mentir / me)
8. Don't talk to me. \_\_\_\_\_ (hablar / me)
9. Don't give her the book. \_\_\_\_\_ (dar / le)
10. Don't watch it. \_\_\_\_\_ (ver / lo)

<b>VERB</b>	<b>Usted COMMAND Positivo (+)</b>	<b>VERB</b>	<b>Usted COMMAND Negativo (-)</b>
Dar		Afeitarse	
Ducharse		Beberlo	
Escribir		Cruzarla	
Estar		Dar	
Hablar		Hacer	
Ir		Irse	
Cepillarse		Lavarse	
Pensar		Ponerse	
Poner		Preguntarle	
Saberlas		Quitarse	
Salir		Sacar	
Tenerlo		Ser	

## PRÁCTICA: USTED COMMANDS

### I Quehaceres

A. Write in the Affirmative Usted Command Form and the Negative Usted Command Form in Spanish.

	Affirmative Usted		Negative Usted
limpiar el baño		ayudar en casa	
hacer la cama		preparar la cena	
poner la mesa		planchar	
estudiar geometría		escribir las palabras	
trabajar		lavar la ropa	

B. Write in the Affirmative Usted Command Form and the Negative Usted Command Form in Spanish.

	Affirmative Usted		Negative Usted
to do the homework		to wash the dishes	
to speak in Spanish		to mow the grass	
to clear the table		to clean the house	
to go to the store		to organize your room	
to take out the trash		to vacuum	

### II Affirmative usted commands. Write the English translation below.

1. Coma la comida. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Abra el libro. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Conteste las preguntas. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cierre la puerta. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Levántese por favor. \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmative usted commands.** Change the tú command form below to the usted command form.

6. Empiézala. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Haz la cama. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Lee el artículo. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Bebe el agua. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Sacala la basura. \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmative usted commands.** Write the Spanish translation below.

1. Sing the song. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Play sports! \_\_\_\_\_
3. Learn the vocabulary. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Practice the piano. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Wash your face. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Give me the key. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Stop walking. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Work with them. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Find my dog. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Go to your room. \_\_\_\_\_

III **Negative usted commands.** Write the English translation below.

1. No busque mi perro. \_\_\_\_\_
2. No se cepille los dientes. \_\_\_\_\_
3. No se olvide. \_\_\_\_\_
4. No corra muy tarde. \_\_\_\_\_
5. No la coma. \_\_\_\_\_

**Negative usted commands.** Change the tú command form below to the usted command form.

6. No la hagas. \_\_\_\_\_
7. No te sientes aquí. \_\_\_\_\_
8. No lo abras. \_\_\_\_\_
9. No vivas allí. \_\_\_\_\_
10. No compres el libro. \_\_\_\_\_

**Negative usted commands.** Write the Spanish translation below.

1. Do not listen to her. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do not drink the water. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do not put on my hat. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do not dress in shorts. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do not go to the park. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do not leave the party. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do not take off your hat. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do not speak in English. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do not shower yet. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do not come until 3:00 pm. \_\_\_\_\_