

# Imperative

There are two different types of imperatives (command forms) – the formal and the informal

## Formal Imperative

You need to use this when giving orders / commands in a formal fashion.

### "usted" commands (formal)

Positive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. take the first person (yo) form and drop the last letter.</li><li>2. put on the opposite ending</li></ol> <p>[comer] = [como] = [coma] [nadar] = [nado] = [nada]</p>
Negative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. take the first person (yo) form and drop the last letter.</li><li>2. put on the opposite ending</li></ol> <p>[comer] = [como] = [no coma] [nadar] = [nado] = [no nade]</p>

The plural ustedes form is formed by changing the adding –n to the end of the usted command.

Coma – Coman

Nada– Naden

## Using Pronouns with the Formal Imperative

If you want to use a pronoun with the Imperative, you add it to the Imperative (unless it is negative) and this changes the stress:

Póngalo aquí – Put it here

No lo ponga aquí – Don't put it here

Siéntense, por favor – Please sit down

¡No se siente allí! – Don't sit there!

## Informal Imperative

You need to use this when giving orders / commands in an informal fashion. The positive and negative informal imperatives are different:

### Positive informal Imperative

Most verbs are regular, and the singular tú form takes the same form of the third person present tense – this is important especially for boots verbs.

#### "tu" commands (informal)

Positive	1. take third person (el/ella) form [comer] = [come] [desprtár] = [despierta]
Negative	1. take first person (yo) form 2. put on the opposite "tu" ending [comer] = [como] = [no comas] [despertar] = [despierto] = [no despiertes]

The plural vosotros form is formed by changing the final –r of the infinitive into a –d.

	Singular – tú	Plural – vosotros/as
Hablar	Habla	Hablad
Contar (ue)	Cuenta	Contad
Beber	Bebe	Bebed
Volver (ue)	Vuelve	Volved
Vivir	Vive	Vivid
Pedir (i)	Pide	pedid

Irregular verbs:

	Singular – tú	Plural – vosotros/as
Decir	Di	Decid
Hacer	Haz	Haced
Ir	Ve	Id
Poner	Pon	Poned
Salir	Sal	Salid
Ser	Sé	Sed
Tener	Ten	Tened
Venir	Ven	Venid