



# Spanish Virtual Learning

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# Spanish 3

## Formal commands

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Introduction to formal commands: May 14, 2020

### **Objective/Learning Target:**

**Students learn: 1) the uses of the imperative  
2) how to express formal commands**



# Bellringer:

What do you use commands for?

How do change what you say to ask or tell someone to do something?

# A comprobar:

## Formal and *nosotros* commands (1)

- Commands, or **mandatos** in Spanish, are used when we wish to tell someone what to do.
- The subject is never used with commands.
- Formal commands are used if the subject would be **usted** or **ustedes**.

# A comprobar:

## Formal and *nosotros* commands (2)

- Formal commands are formed by:
  - Taking the **yo** form of a verb in the present: **hablo**, **hago**, **sirvo**
  - Removing the **o**: **habl-**, **hag-**, **sirv-**
  - Adding the opposite **usted** or **ustedes** endings:  
**hable / hablen**  
**haga / hagan**  
**sirva / sirvan**

# A comprobar:

## Formal and *nosotros* commands (3)

Note the following irregularities:

- Some verbs change spelling in the command form to maintain pronunciation.

Verbs ending in:	Change to:	Examples
–car	que(n)	busque / busquen
–gar	gue(n)	pague / paguen
–ger	ja(n)	escoja / escojan
–zar	ce(n)	almuerce / almuercen

# A comprobar:

## Formal and *nosotros* commands (4)

- The following have irregular formal command forms:

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dar	dé (den)
estar	esté(n)
ir	vaya(n)
saber	sepa(n)
ser	sea(n)

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# Practice



## Formal and *nosotros* commands

**4.8 El asistente de vuelo** Use formal plural commands (**ustedes**) and the verbs in parentheses to complete the directions that the flight attendant gives to passengers.

1. Por favor, \_\_\_\_\_ (poner) su equipaje debajo de sus asientos.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Escuchar) con atención la información de seguridad que les voy a dar.
3. Por favor, \_\_\_\_\_ (pagar) su comida con tarjeta de crédito.
4. No \_\_\_\_\_ (caminar) por el pasillo cuando la señal del cinturón de seguridad esté encendida (*lit*).
5. No \_\_\_\_\_ (usar) sus teléfonos celulares ni sus computadoras portátiles.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (Mantener) el cinturón abrochado (*fastened*) cuando estén sentados (*you are seated*).