Command Rules

***Tú*, *usted*, and *ustedes* commands:**

A. When the command is "do" affirmative:

1. To form the ***tú* command**, use the **third person singular present tense** form of the *-**ar**, **-er**, **-ir*** verb.

Example:

Infinitive	*Tú* Command
hablar	habl**a**
correr	corr**e**
abrir	abr**e**

2. To form the ***usted*** command, change the **_tú_** command.
    *   If the ***tú*** command is ***a*** change to an ***e***.
    *   If the ***tú*** command is ***e*** change to ***a***.

Examples:

Infinitive	*Tú* Command	*Usted* Command
hablar	habl**a**	habl**e**
correr	corr**e**	corr**a**
abrir	abr**e**	abr**a**

3. To form the ***ustedes* command**, add ***n*** to the ***usted*** command.

Examples:

Infinitive	*Tú* Command	*Usted* Command	*Ustedes* Command
hablar	habl**a**	habl**e**	habl**en**
correr	corr**e**	corr**a**	corr**an**
abrir	abr**e**	abr**a**	abr**an**

4. All the *-**ar**, **-er**, **-ir*** verbs that have changes in the vowel of the stem in the present tense (**stem-changing verbs**), have these same changes for the *tú*, *usted*, and *ustedes* commands.

Examples:

Infinitive	*Tú* Command	*Usted* Command	*Ustedes* Command
cerrar	c**ie**rra	c**ie**rre	c**ie**rren
perder	p**ie**rde	p**ie**rda	p**ie**rdan
servir	s**i**rve	s**i**rva	s**i**rvan
dormir	d**ue**rme	d**ue**rma	d**ue**rman
encontrar	enc**ue**ntra	enc**ue**ntre	enc**ue**ntren
volver	v**ue**lve	v**ue**lva	v**ue**lvan
mentir	m**ie**nte	m**ie**nta	m**ie**ntan

B. When the command is "don't" negative:

> 1. Negative **tú** form=   **no** + **usted form of the command** + **s**
>
> 2. Negative **usted** form=   **no** + **usted form of the command**
>
> 3. Negative **ustedes** form =   **no** + **ustedes form of the command**

Application of the negative command:

Infinitive	*Tú* Command	*Usted* Command	*Ustedes* Command
hablar	no hables	no hable	no hablen
correr	no corras	no corra	no corran
abrir	no abras	no abra	no abran

C. There are some **verbs** that have **irregular command forms**:
Model: Infinitive (*Tú* command - *Usted* command)

tener (ten-tenga)	oír (oye-oiga)	ir (ve-vaya)	traer (trae-traiga)
venir (ven-venga)	valer (vale-valga)	ver (ve-vea)	caer (cae-caiga)
decir (di-diga)	salir (sal-salga)	ser (sé-sea)	saber (sabe-sepa)
hacer (haz-haga)	poner (pon-ponga)	seguir (sigue-siga)	cocer (cuece-cueza)
conducir (conduce-conduzca)		conocer (conoce-conozca)	

D. There are **verbs** that will change in the *usted* column to maintain the sound:
Model: Infinitive (*Tú* command - *Usted* command)

<u>Any verb</u> that has the same ending **must change** in the **usted command**.

bus**car** (busca - bus**que**)	cru**zar** (cruza-cru**ce**)	esco**ger** (escoge-esco**ja**)	infli**gir** (inflige – infli**ja**)	lle**gar** (llega-lle**gue**)

E. Commands of Reflexive Verbs

1. Affirmative Commands of Reflexive Verbs: The reflexive pronouns **follow** the commands and are **attached** to them. Remember, the reflexive pronoun must correspond with the subject. Do not forget to add an accent, when it is needed.

Examples:

Infinitive	*Tú* Command	*Usted* Command	*Ustedes* Command
bañarse	báña**te**	báñe**se**	báñen**se**
vestirse	víste**te**	vísta**se**	vístan**se**
ponerse	pon**te**	pónga**se**	póngan**se**

2. Negative Commands of Reflexive Verbs: The **reflexive** pronouns are placed **before** the commands and they must correspond with the subject.

Examples:

Infinitive	*Tú* Command	*Usted* Command	*Ustedes* Command
bañarse	no **te** bañes	no **se** bañe	no **se** bañen
vestirse	no **te** vistas	no **se** vista	no **se** vistan
ponerse	no **te** pongas	no **se** ponga	no **se** pongan

Nombre:—————————————

Fecha:—————————————

Hora:—————————————

1. To form the **_tú_ command**, use the **third person singular present tense** form of the **_-ar, -er, -ir_** verb.

2. To form the **_usted_** command, change the **_tú_** command.
   - If the **_tú_** command is **_a_** change to an **_e_**.
   - If the **_tú_** command is **_e_** change to **_a_**.

3. To form the negative **_tú_ command**, use the **_usted_ command** form and add **_-s_**.

Verbos	tú	usted	tú, negativo
admirar	admir**a**	admir**e**	no admir**es**
prometer	promet**e**	promet**a**	no promet**as**
aprender			
asistir			
ayudar			
bailar			
bajar			
resistir			
vivir			
borrar			
cantar			
celebrar			
comer			
creer			
sufrir			

Verbos	tú	usted	tú, negativo
matar			
corresponder			
escribir			
meter			
cubrir			
decorar			
descansar			
describir			
leer			
dibujar			
decidir			
escuchar			
estudiar			
abrir			
hablar			
beber			
toser			
cuidar			
subir			
compartir			
deber			
responder			
nadar			
recibir			

Verbos	tú	usted	tú, negativo
correr			
permitir			
jalar			
fumar			
romper			
esconder			
gritar			
excavar			
vender			
admitir			
descrubrir			
dividir			
hundir			
insistir			
partir			
unir			
resumir			
acceder			
acometer			
anteceder			
arremeter			
comprometer			
conceder			
descorrer			
descoser			

A. Translate the following commands:

1. Sing a song. (*tú*)

2. Dance to the beat. (*usted*)

3. Open the book. (*tú*)

4. Eat fast. (*tú*)

5. Don't kill. (*tú*)

6. Learn quickly. (*usted*)

7. Don't help. (*tú*)

8. Don't erase the board. (*tú*)

B. Make corrections to the following commands:

1. *Das (tú) muchos besos.*

2. *Lee (usted) el libro.*

3. *Escuchan (tú) la música.*

4. *No abres (tú) la puerta.*

5. *No hablas (tú) mucho.*

6. *Decidan (usted) de una vez.*

7. *No bebes (tú) la leche.*

8. *Escribe (usted) una carta.*