

Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

AVANZA!

Goal: Learn how to make **usted** and **ustedes** commands. Then use them to give instructions and make recommendations. *Actividades 6–9*

English Grammar Connection: Both English and Spanish have verb forms for **commands**. In English commands, you omit the subject *you*.

Usted/Ustedes Commands

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To tell someone respectfully to do or not do something, use **usted commands**. Commands require a change in verb endings.

Here's how: You form **usted commands** with the **yo** form of verbs in the present tense. Drop the **-o** and add the following **endings**.

Infinitive	Present Tense	Commands	
		usted	ustedes
probar (ue)	yo pruebo	pruebe	prueben
comer	yo como	coma	coman
añadir	yo añado	añada	añadan

Pruebe el té.
Taste the tea.

Coman la merienda.
Eat the snack.

Añada más sal.
Add more salt.

Add **no** before the verb to make commands negative.

No añada más sal.
Don't add more salt.

Some common verbs have irregular **usted/ustedes** command forms.

	dar	estar	ir	saber	ser
usted	dé	esté	vaya	sepa	sea
ustedes	den	estén	vayan	sepan	sean

Vaya a la cocina. *Go to the kitchen.*

No estén tristes. *Don't be sad.*

Verbs ending in **-car**, **-gar**, and **-zar** have a spelling change in the command form.

buscar → busque

pagar → pague

empezar → empiece

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