

# Español III Unidad 2 Lección 1

## Polite Requests

Many Spanish-speakers avoid direct commands and look for a way of making their suggestions more courteous. Here is one way to make a request that is “nicer” than other ways.

Podrías/podría/podrías/podrían + verb in infinitive form (not conjugated)

Ex. ¿Podrías ayudarme?  
Could you please help me?

Other examples:

Me gustaría—I would like  
Quería—I would want, like

Me gustaría(n) \_\_\_\_\_

Me encantaría(n) \_\_\_\_\_

Quería/quisiera \_\_\_\_\_

A ver si \_\_\_\_\_

Perdone \_\_\_\_\_

Disculpe(me) \_\_\_\_\_

Por favor \_\_\_\_\_

## Another Way to State Commands

Use Favor de + infinitive (unchanged verb)

Ex. Favor de ayudarme aquí Señor

## Los Mandatos (commands)

NOSOTROS

Take the \_\_\_\_\_ form of the verb. Some might be irregular.

Add \_\_\_\_\_ for –ar verbs.

Add \_\_\_\_\_ for –er/-ir verbs.

There are some irregulars of course.

Verb	Meaning	Command
Dar		
Estar		
Saber		
Ser		
Ver		

Ir is also irregular. If it is positive (let’s go) use \_\_\_\_\_.

If it is negative (let’s not go) use no \_\_\_\_\_.

-zar will end in \_\_\_\_\_

-car will end in \_\_\_\_\_

-gar will end in \_\_\_\_\_

-ir stem-changing verbs are special.

o goes to \_\_\_\_\_  
(durmamos)

e goes to \_\_\_\_\_  
(pidamos)

## USTED and USTEDES

Again, take the \_\_\_\_\_ form of the verb and add the following:

	-ar	-er, -ir
Usted		
Ustedes		

Of course there are irregulars, most based on the yo form.

Verb	Meaning	Ud.	Uds.
Caer			
Hacer			
Oír			
Poner			
Salir			
Venir			
Tener			
Traer			
Ofrecer			
Dar			
Estar			
Ir			
Ser			
saber			

-car changes to \_\_\_\_\_ for Ud.  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for Uds.

-gar changes to \_\_\_\_\_ for Ud.  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for Uds.

-zar changes to \_\_\_\_\_ for Ud.  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for Uds.

The stem-changing verbs are also irregular but just think of the yo form.

Ex. Duerma, pida, pierda

## TU POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE

### Tú positive

For tú positive commands, just use the \_\_\_\_\_ form of the present tense.

Of course, there are irregulars here too.

Verb	Meaning	Tú positive
Decir		
Hacer		
Ir		
Poner		
Salir		
Ser		
Tener		
venir		

### Tú negative

However, for the negatives use no + \_\_\_\_\_ (-ar) and \_\_\_\_\_ (-er, -ir).

Think of yo form first again so if yo is irregular, so is the tú negative command.

Verb	Meaning	Tú negative
estar		
dar		
ir		
saber		
haber		
ser		
decir		
salir		
hacer		
poner		
venir		
tener		

-car goes to \_\_\_\_\_

-gar goes to \_\_\_\_\_

-zar goes to \_\_\_\_\_