

I.

FORMALITIES AND TITLES

Students of Spanish are often confused by the use of *tú* and *usted* (you-familiar and you-formal). When greeting a stranger do you say, "¿Cómo *estas?*" or "¿Cómo *está usted?*" When in doubt use the formal construction. The familiar form is used between family members, friends and by very casual Mexicans when speaking to strangers of their own age or social class.

When I took high school Spanish the teacher told us that "the use of the *tú* form has taken over in Mexico. Don't worry about learning the formal." This isn't true; the use of *tú* at the wrong time can be both impolite and offensive. It implies a lack of respect in some cases. (A younger person addressing someone older when speaking with someone of authority or high position, etc.)

The Mexican love of pomp and ceremony always makes it more advisable to lean toward formality, both in words and actions, rather than the studied and artificial casualness affected by so many gringos.

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L. Le hablas de «tú» o de «Ud.»

	Tú	Ud.		Tú	Ud.
1. a tu mejor amigo o amiga	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. a la farmacéutica	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. a tu padre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. a tu prima (girl cousin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. a la directora de la escuela (principal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. a un comerciante (business person)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. a tu hermano (brother)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. al presidente del país	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. a la médica	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. al dentista	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. al policía	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. a tu perro (bow wow)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III. What are the following in English?

- 1. Nosotros _____
 - 2. Nosotras _____
 - 3. Vosotros _____
 - 4. Vosotras _____
- } used all over
- } used mostly in España

Write the correct pronoun.

M = male

F = female

S= singular

P= plural

1. _____ (You all, M) sois de Madrid.
2. _____ (We, F) estamos en la clase.
3. _____ (She) vive en una casa.
4. _____ (They, F) son de Eau Claire.
5. _____ (We, M) estamos aquí.
6. _____ (I) soy de Wisconsin.
7. _____ (You, informal) estás bien.
8. _____ (You all, F) habláis en español.
9. _____ (He) vive en un apartamento.
10. _____ (You, formal, P) son estudiantes.
11. _____ (They, M) estudian mucho.
12. _____ (You formal S) es un profesor bueno.

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