

El Presente

Use the **Present Tense** to describe something that is taking place right now or an action that is repeated regularly.

Also use it to tell a general truth.

-ar

-o	-amos
-as	-áis
-a	-an

-er

-o	-emos
-es	-éis
-e	-en

-ir

-o	-imos
-es	-ís
-e	-en

Yo **bebo** café por la mañana = I **drink** coffee in the morning

Tu **comes** en la cafetería = You **eat** in the cafeteria

Nosotros **vivimos** en Missouri = We **live** in Missouri

El Pretérito

Use this version of the **Past Tense** to indicate a specific action that had a definite beginning and end in the past.

Note: In the **Preterite** -er and -ir endings are the same.

-ar

-é	-amos
-aste	-asteis
-ó	-aron

In English the
-ed form of verb.

-er and -ir

-í	-imos
-iste	-isteis
-ió	-ieron

Tu **hablaste** con ella ayer.

You **talked** to her yesterday./You **did talk** to her yesterday.

Los Mandatos Afirmativos con tú

The **Affirmative tú Commands** are used when you tell someone TO DO something.

The command forms for *tú* have exactly the same form as the third person singular of the present tense.

Command forms = Present Tense of él/ella/Ud.

ar → **-a** er / ir → **-e**

Mona, **escucha** el radio.

Gabriela, **come** las verduras.

Teresa, **sirve** los refrescos por favor.

Irregulares

decir – di	salir – sal
hacer – haz	ser – sé
ir – ve	tener – ten
poner – pon	venir – ven



¡OJO! Remember that direct, indirect and reflexive pronouns are **ALWAYS attached to an affirmative command**. Then you must **ADD** an accent on the vowel in the third to last syllable.

Levántate **a** ahora.

Hazla **a** cama.

Explicáale **a** tu profesora por qué llegaste tarde.

Los Mandatos Negativos con tú

The **Negative tú Commands** are used when you tell someone NOT to do something.

To form the negative command:

Paso 1 → Start with the **yo** present tense form of the verb

Paso 2 → Drop the **-o**

Paso 3 → Add the following endings:

-ar verbs take the ending **-es**

-er and **-ir** verbs take the ending **-as**

llenar lleno → llen- + **es** **No llenes** un formulario sin leerlo.

comer como → com- + **as** **No comas** eso.

escribir escribo → escrib- + **as** **No escribas** con lápiz.

¡**OJO!** In stem-changing verbs the stem change remains.

-car (c → qu) **No toques** el piano.

-gar (g → gu) **No llegues** tarde.

-zar (z → c) **No cruces** aquí.

Irregulares

ir → **NO** **vayas**

ser → **NO** **seas**

dar → **NO** **des**

estar → **NO** **estés**