# Formal Direct Commands

1. In this section of the tutorial, you will learn how to conjugate formal singular direct commands and formal plural direct commands.
2. We will be examining four types of formal direct commands. We will begin with affirmative singular.
3. Affirmative singular formal commands (for [SPANISH] usted) [ENGLISH] are conjugated by dropping the –AR, -ER, or –IR endings and adding one of the following: **e** for –AR verbs; or **a** for both –ER and -IR verbs. Irregularities occur. They are conjugated the same as the [SPANISH] ***yo*** [ENGLISH] form of the present tense. There is another way to think about this. Let’s take a look.
4. Another approach is to start with the [SPANISH] ***yo*** [ENGLISH] form of the present tense, drop the o, and add the ending for the formal command. Let’s look at some examples.
5. [SPANISH] ***Estudie la lección.***
6. ***Corra en el gimnasio.***
7. ***Escriba la composición.***
8. [ENGLISH] Next, let’s look at negative singular formal direct commands.
9. Negative singular formal commands for [SPANISH] ***usted*** [ENGLISH] use the same conjugation as the affirmative singular. To denote the negative, add the word ***no*** before the verb. Let’s look at some examples.
10. [SPANISH] ***No olvide la lección.***
11. ***No coma en clase.***
12. ***No use el teléfono celular.***
13. Next, let’s look at affirmative plural formal direct commands.
14. Affirmative plural formal commands (for [SPANISH] ***ustedes***) [ENGLISH] are conjugated by dropping the –AR, -ER, or –IR endings and adding one of the following: **en** for –AR verbs; and **an** for both –ER and \_IR verbs. There is another way to think about this. Let’s take a look.
15. Another approach is to conjugate in the same manner as the affirmative singular formal commands and add an **n** to all endings. Let’s look at some examples.
16. [SPANISH] ***Estudien la lección.***
17. ***Terminen la tarea.***
18. ***Escuchen al profesor.***
19. Finally, let’s look at negative plural formal direct commands.
20. Negative plural formal commands for [SPANISH] ***ustedes*** [ENGLISH] use the same conjugation as the affirmative plural. To denote the negative, add the word [SPANISH] ***no*** [ENGLISH] before the verb. Let’s look at some examples.
21. [SPANISH] ***No olviden la lección.***
22. ***No conversen con otros estudiantes.***
23. ***No olviden sus diccionarios.***
24. [ENGLISH] Take a moment to review the conjugations for singular and plural formal direct commands.
25. This completes the tutorial section about formal direct commands. Return to the main menu to try the practice exercises for formal direct commands, or to view the tutorial section about informal direct commands. If you’ve already completed these, try the practice exercises about both the formal and informal direct commands.