

APUNTES

FORMAL COMMANDS (MANDATOS FORMALES)

- To command someone in a polite way, use the formal or usted command.
 - Find the “yo” form of the verb
 - Drop the –o
 - Do the “opposite vowel”
 - for –ar verbs, add –e
 - for –er/-ir verbs, add –a
 - or you could say, drop the –s of the negative tú command
- Examples:
 - Open the window.
 - Abrir
 - Abro
 - Abra
 - Abra la ventana.
 - Close the window.
 - Cerrar
 - Cierro
 - Cierre
 - Cierre la puerta.
- Spelling changers-
 - -car = que sacar = saque
 - -gar = gue llegar = llegue
 - zar = ce empezar = empiece
 - ger = ja escoger = escoja
 - guir = ga seguir = siga
- To a group of people (Uds.)
 - Follow the same rules, just add –n
- Examples:
 - Y’all speak slower.
 - Hablar
 - Hablo
 - Hablen

- Hablen más despacio/lentamente.

- Irregulars:
 - dar = dé den
 - ser = sea sean
 - ir = vaya vayan

- These are often used in giving directions...
 - ir por la calle.
 - Take.... street
 - Doblar a la derecha/izquierda
 - Turn to the right/left
 - Seguir derecho hasta
 - Keep going until...
 - Subir/bajar... hasta llegar a...
 - Go up/go down... until you get to...

Directions from Dorman to your house...