**El imperativo UD. , UDS. (los mandatos) - Commands**

You can only give a command to the person or persons with whom you are talking. Therefore, commands are only conjugated in the *tú, Usted, Ustedes and vosotros*  forms.

An affirmative command is when you tell someone to do something. A negative command is when you tell someone NOT to do something. In the *Ud.* and *Uds.* commands there is NO difference between the affirmative and negative commands. To make a command negative, simply place **no** before the verb.

To form a command for either *Ud.* or *Uds.* we must first conjugate the verb in the present tense *yo* form.

hablar - hablo

comer - como

vivir - vivo

Then we drop the **o**.

-habl

-com

-viv

and then we add the following endings

**-AR** verbs - **e** (Ud.), **-en** (Uds.) habl**e** Ud. habl**en** Uds.

**-ER,IR** verbs - **a** (Ud.), **-an** (Uds.) com**a** Ud. com**an** Uds.

viv**a** Ud. viv**an** Uds.

**How would you conjugate the following?....**

preparar Ud. Uds.

beber Ud. Uds.

escribir Ud. Uds.

If there is a stem change in the *yo* form of the present tense, there will be a stem change in the command. *ejemplo :* Dormir - duermo - duerma Ud., duerman Uds.

**How would you conjugate the following?...**

acostar Ud. Uds.

tener Ud. Uds.

**There is a spelling change in verbs ending with CAR, GAR, and ZAR (just like in the preterite)**

tocar toque Ud. toquen Uds.

jugar juegue Ud. jueguen Uds.

pagar pague Ud. paguen Uds.

empezar empiece Ud. empiecen Uds.

**There are only five irregular verbs in the *Ud.* , *Uds.* commands. Memorize them!**

ir - vaya vayan

ser- sea sean

saber (to know) - sepa sepan

estar - esté estén

dar- dé den

1. **Fill in the chart with the commands. REMEMBER STEM CHANGES!**

Ud. Uds.

hablar

mirar

comer

vender

vivir

abrir

tocar

llegar

jugar

empezar

dormir

hacer

traer

poner

tener

salir

venir

\*ir

\*ser

\*saber

\*estar

\*dar

**There is a slight difference in the affirmative and negative commands of reflexive verbs.**

lavarse lávese Ud. lávense Uds.

no se lave Ud. no se laven Uds.

**In an affirmative command, the reflexive pronoun is attached to the end of the verb. In a negative command the pronoun comes before the verb. Make sure to remember the stem changing reflexive verbs! (\*Where a pronoun is attached to the verb, there is an accent mark on the last vowel of the third to last syllable)**

Ud. Uds.

Bañarse báñese báñense

No se bañe No se bañen

Vestirse vístase vístanse

No se vista No se vistan

Despertarse

Despiértese Despiértense

No se despierte No se despierten

Acostarse

Acuéstese Acuéstense

No se acueste No se acuesten

Sentarse

Siéntese Siéntense

No se siente No se sienten