TÚ <u>VS</u> USTED

MASTER INFROMAL & FORMAL 'YOU' IN SPANISH





WHEN TO USE '<u>TÚ' VS. 'USTED'</u> IN SPANISH

FORMAL YOU

'<u>Usted</u>': Conveys a high level of <u>respect</u>.



<u>Usted</u> se <u>ve</u> muy bien hoy. <u>You look</u> very well today.

INFORMAL YOU

'<u>Tú</u>': Used among <u>equals</u> and <u>peers</u>.



¿<u>Tú quieres</u> más limonada? Do y<u>ou want</u> more lemonade?

CONJUGATIONS <u>TÚ VS. USTED</u> IN SPANISH



PRESENT

-AR -ER/-IR

-as

-es

Usted:

Tú:

-a -e

Tú habl<u>as</u> / Usted habl<u>a</u>. <u>You</u> speak.



PRETERITE

-AR -ER/-IR

-aste

-iste

-ó

-ió

Tú viv<u>iste</u> / Usted viv<u>ió</u>. You lived.



IMPERFECT

-AR -ER/-IR

-aba

-ías

-a

-ía

Tú cant<u>aba</u> / Usted cant<u>ó</u>. <u>You</u> sang.



FUTURE

-AR -ER/-IR

-ás

-á

-ás

Usted:

Tú:

-á

Tú comer<u>ás</u> / Usted comer<u>á</u>. You will eat.



CONDITIONAL

-AR -ER/-IR

-ías

-ías

-ía

-ía

Tú estar<u>ás</u> / Usted estar<u>á</u>. <u>You</u> would be.



IMPERATIVE

<u>Positive</u> <u>Negative</u>

-e

-as

-a

-a

¡Com<u>e</u>! / ¡Com<u>a</u>! Eat!

FORMAL & <u>INFORMAL PRONOUNS</u> IN SPANISH

INDIRECT OBJECT P.



<u>Te</u> llamé. / <u>Le</u> llamé. I called <u>you</u>.

PREPOSITIONAL P.



Es <u>para ti</u>. / Es <u>para usted</u>. It's for <u>you</u>.

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS



Te bañas. / <u>Se</u> baña. You shower.

POSSESSIVES ADJ & P.



Es <u>tu</u> perro. / Es <u>su</u> perro. It's <u>your</u> dog.

> Es <u>tuyo</u>./ Es <u>suyo</u>. It's <u>yours</u>.

KEY POINTS: SPANISH QUESTION WORDS

- <u>Tú</u> and <u>usted</u> are the Spanish equivalents of the <u>singular form</u> 'you'.
- The <u>difference</u> between 'tú' and 'usted' is the <u>degree of formality</u> and <u>respect</u> you want to express.
- The pronoun 'tú' falls into <u>informal</u> or <u>familiar</u> Spanish. As a result, it's used to address people <u>our age</u> or with the <u>same</u> <u>degree of authority</u>.
 - For instance, friends, coworkers, relatives, and classmates.

- Vos is used in certain Spanish-speaking countries instead of "tú".
- 'Usted' is <u>formal</u> 'you' in Spanish.
 - It's used to show a <u>high degree of</u> <u>respect</u> towards someone.
 - It's used with elders, authoritative figures, or strangers.
- When using formal and informal Spanish, adjectives, <u>conjugations</u>, and pronouns <u>must agree</u> with the person you're addressing.

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