

Nosotros Commands

So, what's a "nosotros command" anyway? Aren't commands usually directed toward *you* (tú/vosotros, usted/ustedes) instead of *we*? Well, yes.

We call the following commands, but they're really another way of saying *let's* or *may we* [do something]. For example:

Let's work together.
Let's eat here.

Trabajemos juntos.
Comamos aquí.

May we all live in peace.
May you always be happy.

Vivamos todos en paz.
Siempre estés feliz.

Affirmative Nosotros Commands

There are two ways to form nosotros commands: 1. using subjunctive (opposite) endings as above, and 2. using the *ir+a+infinitive* formula. For example:

Let's go to the restaurant.
Let's go to the beach.
Let's have some fun!
Let's go swim.

Vamos al restaurante.
Vamos a ir a la playa.
¡Vamos a divertirnos!
Vamos a nadar.

Notice that all of the commands above are affirmative; that is, they all tell or invite the listener to do something. But what if you want to tell or invite the listener *not* to do something?

Negative Nosotros Commands

To form a negative nosotros command, you simply put "no" or another negative word before the affirmative command. For example:

Let's not swim.
Let's not leave.

No nademos.
No salgamos.

Let's never go there.
Let's not be here, either.

Nunca vayamos allí.
Tampoco estemos aquí.

Affirmative Commands with Indirect Object Pronouns

When attaching an indirect object pronoun to the end of a nosotros command, follow these steps:

1. drop the final -s from the verb
2. attach the indirect object pronoun
3. add an accent to the verb's next-to last-syllable

Sentemos + nos	= Sentémonos	Let's sit down.
Hagamos + se + la	= Hagámoselo	Let's make it for her.
Vamos + nos	= Vámonos	Let's go.
Despertemos + nos	= Despertémonos	Let's wake up.
Lavemos + nos	= Lavámonos	Let's wash up.

When using the *ir+a+infinitive* formula:

Let's sit here.
Let's go to sleep.

Vamos a sentarnos aquí.
Vamos a dormirnos.

Negative Commands with Indirect Object Pronouns

Put the indirect object pronoun and/or direct object between the negative word and the verb.

Let's not eat it.
Let's not give it to them.

No lo comamos.
No se lo demos.

Irregular Verbs

—are all still irregular.

Quiz

Translate the following sentences.

1. Let's read this book.
2. Let's sit down.
3. Let's buy it for her.
4. May we all rest in peace.
5. Let's not go to the beach.
6. Let's not tell her our secret.
7. May we never give it to anyone!