

Negative tú commands (p. 356)

- Negative commands are used to tell someone what *not* to do.
- To form negative **tú** commands, drop the **-o** of the present-tense **yo** form and add:
 - es for **-ar** verbs
usar → uso: **No uses el microondas.** *Don't use the microwave.*
 - as for **-er** and **-ir** verbs
encender → enciendo: **No enciendas el horno.** *Don't turn on the oven.*

A. Look at the following sentences and add the correct endings to the verbs to make negative **tú** commands. Use the verbs in parentheses for reference. Follow the model.

Modelo Jaime, no com as todas las frutas. (**comer**)

1. Raquel, no tir _____ el pollo en el aceite caliente. (**tirar**)
2. Tadeo, no cort _____ el ajo en pedazos tan pequeños. (**cortar**)
3. Susana, no beb _____ el café si está muy caliente. (**beber**)
4. Mario, no us _____ tanto aceite en el sartén. (**usar**)
5. Julia, no añad _____ el ajo ahora. (**añadir**)

- Remember that some verbs have irregular **yo** forms, which are used to form the negative commands.
salir → salgo **No salga de la casa.** *Don't leave the house.*

B. Complete the statements below by writing the correct negative **tú** commands of the verbs given. Follow the model.

Modelo (**poner**) _____ *No pongas* las manos en la masa.

1. (**salir**) _____ sin comer algo.
2. (**decir**) _____ mentiras (*lies*).
3. (**hacer**) _____ eso, por favor.
4. (**obedecer**) _____ a tus amigos malos.