

Spanish Formal Commands Maze Game (Usted/Ustedes)

Formal commands are an essential part of polite communication in Spanish, especially in real-world situations like giving instructions, making requests, or speaking to customers, teachers, or elders. This maze game gives students an engaging and interactive way to practice forming both usted and ustedes commands.

It's ideal for warm-ups, partner practice, stations, fast-finishers, or review before assessments.

Objective

Move from START to FINISH by correctly forming formal commands (usted/ustedes).

How to Play

1. Begin at the START space.
2. You may move up, down, left, or right—but only if you correctly form the formal command.
3. Each space contains a subject (usted or ustedes) and a verb in the infinitive.
4. Say or write the correct command form in order to move.
5. First student or team to reach FINISH wins.

Game Board Spaces

START

usted – hablar
ustedes – comer
usted – escribir
ustedes – venir
usted – abrir
ustedes – poner
usted – estudiar
ustedes – hacer
usted – salir
usted – leer
ustedes – cerrar
usted – beber
ustedes – abrir

FINISH

usted - caminar

ustedes - decir

usted - correr

ustedes - ir

usted - tener

ustedes - bailar

usted - preparar

ustedes - vivir

usted - traer

ustedes - escuchar

Answer Key

hable

coman

escriba

vengan

abra

pongan

estudie

hagan

salga

lea

cierren

beba

abran

camine

digan

corra

vayan

tenga

bailen

prepare

vivan

traiga

escuchen

Why Students Love This Activity

- It transforms command practice into a puzzle-like challenge.
- Students receive repeated exposure to common verbs and irregular forms.
- The movement-based format increases motivation and engagement.
- It works for individual, partner, or competitive play.

Teacher Tips and Variations

- Require students to speak the commands aloud for pronunciation practice.
- Add a “sentence round” where students use each command in a realistic context.
- Use this maze as part of a station rotation on commands (formal, informal, negative).
- Have students create their own maze with verbs from your unit.

Final Thoughts

The Formal Commands Maze Game makes mastering usted and ustedes commands both fun and meaningful. It’s straightforward to prepare, easy to use, and highly effective at reinforcing one of Spanish’s most functional verb forms.

Objective: Move from START to FINISH by correctly forming formal commands (usted/ustedes).

How to Play:

1. Begin at the START space.
2. You may move up, down, left, or right—but only if you correctly conjugate the verb as a formal command.
3. Each space contains a subject (usted or ustedes) and a verb in the infinitive.
4. Say or write the correct command form to move.
5. First to reach FINISH wins!

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| START | usted – hablar | ustedes – comer | usted – escribir | ustedes – venir |
| usted – abrir | ustedes – poner | usted – estudiar | ustedes – hacer | usted – salir |
| usted – leer | ustedes – cerrar | usted – beber | ustedes – abrir | FINISH |

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| usted - caminar | ustedes - decir | usted - correr | ustedes - ir | usted - tener |
| ustedes - bailar | usted - preparar | ustedes - vivir | usted - traer | ustedes - escuchar |

Answer Key

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|--------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| hable | coman | escriba | vengan | |
| abra | pongan | estudie | hagan | salga |
| lea | cierren | beba | abran | |
| camine | digan | corra | vayan | tenga |
| bailen | prepare | vivan | traiga | escuchen |

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