

Lección 2 - Greetings worksheet

★ Understanding "Tú" vs. "Usted"

In Spanish, there are two ways to say "you." Choosing the right one shows respect and cultural awareness.

- **Informal (Tú):** Use this with friends, family, people your age, or children.
 - Key phrases: ¿Cómo estás? / ¡Hola! ¿Qué tal? / ¿Y tú?
- **Formal (Usted):** Use this with people you don't know, elders, teachers, or in professional settings.
 - Key phrases: ¿Cómo está? / ¿Y usted? / Mucho gusto.

Formula: First Name = Tú = ¿Cómo estás?

Title (Sr./Sra./Dr.) = Usted = ¿Cómo está?



PRO-TIP FOR STUDENTS: IF YOU AREN'T SURE, ALWAYS START WITH USTED. IT IS BETTER TO BE "TOO POLITE" THAN TO ACCIDENTALLY BE DISRESPECTFUL!

Exercise: 1 Tú or Usted?

Read the following situations. Decide if you should address the person as **Tú (Informal)** or **Usted (Formal)**.

1. **Your new boss at the car factory.** Answer: _____
2. **A classmate who is the same age as you.** Answer: _____
3. **A waiter at a fancy restaurant.** Answer: _____



4. **Your best friend's mother.** Answer: _____
5. **The Police Officer (El Policía):** _____
6. **Your Spanish classmate, Roberto:** _____
7. **The President of the University:** _____
8. **Your cousin (mi primo) at a party:** _____
9. **A salesperson at the mall (la tienda):** _____
10. **The waiter (el mesero) at the cafe:** _____

Exercise: 2 Como esta vs. Como estas?

Look for "titles" vs. "first names" to choose the correct verb.

1. Buenas tardes, Señora López. ¿Cómo _____?
2. Hola, mi amigo. ¿Cómo _____?
3. **"Hola, mi hermano. ¿Cómo _____?"** (Explanation: Addressing a family member is informal.)
4. **"Señor Pereira, ¿cómo _____ usted hoy?"** (Explanation: Using a Title + Last Name requires the formal form.)
5. **"Buenas noches, Profesora. ¿Cómo _____ usted?"** (Explanation: Teachers and Professors are addressed formally in Spanish.)
6. **"¡Oye, Luis! ¿Cómo _____?"** (Explanation: "Oye" is an informal way to say "Hey," and Luis is a first name.)
7. **"Disculpe, Señorita Lara. ¿Cómo _____?"** (Explanation: Even if she is young, the title "Señorita" triggers the formal form.)



Answer Key

Exercise 1

1. **Usted** (Professional/Authority).....
2. **Tú** (Peer/Equal age).....
3. **Usted** (Service/Respect).....
4. **Usted** (Parent/Elder—some families are casual, but Usted is the safest start!)
5. **Usted** (Authority).....
6. **Tú** (Classmate/Peer).....
7. **Usted** (High Authority).....
8. **Tú** (Family).....
9. **Usted** (Professional/Stranger).....
10. **Usted** (Service industry respect)

Exercise 2

1. **está** — "Señora López" uses a title and a last name, signaling a formal relationship.
2. **estás** — Explanation: Addressing someone as "mi amigo" (my friend) automatically places the conversation in the informal category.
3. **estás** (Informal/Family)
4. **está** (Formal/Title)
5. **está** (Formal/Respect)
6. **estás** (Informal/First Name)
7. **está** (Formal/Title)

