

Nosotros commands

In English We commands are formed with the word **let's** + *base form of the verb*. To make a command negative, the word **not** is inserted in the formula:

Let's not + *base form of the verb*.

Let's go bowling.

Let's not go bowling.

Let's rest.

No, let's not rest.

Object pronouns are usually placed after the verb.

Let's give the puzzle to Lisa.

Let's give **it** to **her**.

Reflexive pronouns are also placed after the verb.

Let's prepare **ourselves**.

A Underline the **we command** in each sentence. Then, check the appropriate column to indicate whether the command is **affirmative (A)** or **negative (N)**.

1. Let's go for a hike.
2. Let's have a good time.
3. Let's not go to the movies.
4. Let's row on the lake a bit.
5. No, let's not row today, there's no time.
6. Then let's practice karate.
7. I'm tired; let's play on the computer.
8. Let's go to the beach.

A	N
✓	

In Spanish Nosotros commands are formed using the **nosotros** form of the present subjunctive.

Juguemos al boliche.

No **juguemos** al boliche.

Descansemos.

No, no **descansemos**.

Object pronouns are attached to the end of the verb in an affirmative command and placed between **no** and the verb in a negative command.

Escribamos la carta.

Escribámosla.

No **la** escribamos.

Reflexive pronouns are also attached to the verb in an affirmative command and placed between **no** and the verb in a negative command. The final **-s** is dropped before adding **nos** when the pronoun is attached to the verb.

Preparémonos.

No **nos** preparemos.

The **irregular** subjunctive verbs remain irregular for **nosotros** commands:

estar → **estemos** dar → **demos** saber → **sepamos** ser → **seamos**

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B Underline the **nosotros** command in each sentence. Then, check the appropriate column to tell whether the command is **affirmative** (A) or **negative** (N).

1. Hagamos senderismo.
2. Pasémoslo bien.
3. No vayamos al cine.
4. Rememos un poco en el lago.
5. No, no rememos hoy; no hay tiempo.
6. Entonces, practiquemos el kárate.
7. Estoy cansada; juguemos en la computadora.
8. Vamos a la playa.

A	N
✓	

Vamos can mean either *We're going* or *Let's go*. The meaning depends on the context. The negative **we command** works like other verbs: **no vayamos**.

C Elena and Guillermo are trying to decide what to do this weekend. Write the **nosotros** command form of the verb.

- Elena** _____ la película de Almodóvar. (ver)
- Guillermo** No, no _____ al cine; es un día hermoso. (ir)
- Elena** Entonces, _____ ciclismo. (practicar)
- Guillermo** Bueno. _____ en bicicleta por la playa. (pasar)
- Elena** ¡Tan lejos! No puede ser. _____ otra cosa. (hacer)
- Guillermo** Está bien. _____ un refresco en el parque. (tomar)
- Elena** Me parece bien. _____ ahora. (irse)

D Consider alternatives to the **nosotros** commands. What other ways can you think of to suggest an activity? In English, write two ways of saying the sentence below. Then translate them into Spanish. Are there Spanish equivalents?

Let's go to the movies.

1. _____

2. _____
