SAYING 'YOU': TÚ, USTED

'Tú' and 'usted' are both ways of saying 'you' when talking to one person.

'Tú' is used mostly with friends, family or by adults when they speak to children.

- tú: you (informal)
- ¿Tú dónde vives? (Where do you live? (informal))

'Usted' is formal. It's used with elderly people, people you don't know very well and often in business relationships.

- usted: you (formal)
- ¿Usted dónde vive? (Where do you live? (formal))

The verb endings for 'usted' are the same as the ones for 'tú' but without the final 's'.

- ¿Dónde vives (tú)? (Where do you live? (informal))
- ¿Dónde vive (usted)? (Where do you live? (formal))
- ¿Cómo estás (tú)? (How are you? (informal))
- ¿Cómo está (usted)? (How are you? (formal))

More often than not, Spanish people don't actually say 'usted' or 'tú'.

They rely on these verb endings to convey the difference.