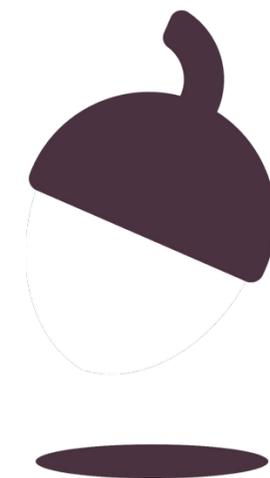**Spanish**

Talking to people you know and don't know [2/2]

- Using 'tú' and 'usted'.

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tener
[to have, having]

nosotros mañana
[to leave]

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	Word	English meaning
1	el trabajo	work, job
2	llorar	to cry, crying
3	el papel	paper
4	acompañar	to accompany, accompanying
5	el cumpleaños	birthday
6	dejar	to leave, leaving / to allow, allowing
7	subir	to upload, uploading
8	comprender	to understand, understanding

Polite & friendly Spanish: using 'tú' and 'usted' with -ar verbs

In Spanish the verb ending changes depending on whether we talk to **tú** (friendly 'you') or **usted** (polite 'you').

tú

usted

Polite & more **respectful**. Use it to talk to an older person or in formal situations.

¿Necesit**as** una toalla?

Do you need a towel? (friendly)

¿Necesit**a** una toalla?

Do you need a towel? (polite)

So, for regular Spanish verbs ending in **-ar** (e.g. montar):

Remove **-ar** and add **-as** to talk to 'you' informally (e.g. your friend).

Remove -ar and add **-a** to talk to 'you' politely (e.g. in a job interview).

Polite & friendly Spanish: using 'tú' and 'usted' with -er & -ir verbs

tú

Adults always address children as "tú"

¿Tien**es** un minuto?

Do you have a minute? (friendly)

usted

¿Tien**e** un minuto?

Do you have a minute? (polite)

So, for regular Spanish verbs ending in **-er** & **-ir** (e.g. aprender & descubrir):

Remove **-er / -ir** and add **-es** to talk to 'you' informally (e.g. your friend).

Remove **-er / -ir** and add **-e** to talk to 'you' politely (e.g. in a job interview).

Respuestas

1. In Spanish the verb ending changes depending on whether we talk to a friendly 'you' or polite 'you'.   True /   False
2. We use '**usted**' to talk to someone in a more polite and respectful way and '**tú**' is a friendly way of addressing someone.
3. Select the verb in the 'usted' form.   a) necesita   b) necesitas
4. Select the verb in the 'tú' form.   a) aprende   b) aprendes
5. '¿Tienes un minuto?' means 'Do you have a minute?'   and it's a a) polite or b) friendly way of addressing someone.