

Nosotros Commands Realidades 3 Capítulo 4.2

➤When you use a nosotros command – you are saying “Let’s”

Let’s eat paella.
Let’s not keep a secret.

➤The first person plural of the **present subjunctive** is used to express Let’s. Do not put a subject pronoun before it.

Comamos paella.
No guardemos un secreto.

➤Let’s go is expressed by **vamos**. In the negative form, you must use the regular subjunctive form of **vayamos**. Both “ir” (to go) and “irse” (to leave, or go away) are irregular in the positive command, and regular in the negative command (use the subjunctive).

Let’s go to John’s house. Vamos a la casa de Juan.
Let’s not go to John’s house. No vayamos a la casa de Juan.

IR – Vamos. No vayamos.
IRSE - Vámonos. No nos vayamos.

➤You can also use vamos + infinitive to express let’s:

Vamos a cantar. **OR** Cantemos
Vamos a aprender la lección. **OR** Aprendamos la lección.

➤When you have a positive nosotros command that uses a reflexive verb, the final **–s** of the verb ending is dropped before adding the reflexive pronoun **nos**. Place an accent on the stressed syllable (count back 3 syllables).

Sentémonos.	Let’s sit down.	Sentemos + nos
Vámonos.	Let’s go (away).	Vamos + nos
Levantémonos.	Let’s get up.	Levantemos + nos

BUT: No nos sentemos. Let’s not sit down. Keep the s on the negative command.
because the reflexive pronoun goes
before the verb in negative commands.

➤Remember – the object pronoun goes to the left side of a negative command and is attached to the end of a positive command.

NEGATIVE: Let’s not buy him the stereo. No **le** compremos el stereo.
POSITIVE: Let’s put it (the lamp) near the sofa. Pongámos**la** cerca del sofá.