

I Never Used to Think About You Worksheet

Here are some situations. Decide which would be the most appropriate choice of the word “you” in Spanish.

- a. You are standing in line at the airport. You start up a conversation with someone else in line.
- b. You are talking to a 7 year old little boy.
- c. You are driving your car and are pulled over by a policeman in Mexico.
- d. You are talking with 3 girls that are in your class. They are from Spain.
- e. You are talking to Mr. Verdugo.
- f. You are talking to a group of your friends in Chile.
- g. You are talking to a classroom of kindergarteners in El Salvador.
- h. You are talking to your boss at work.
- i. You are talking to your girlfriend from Argentina.
- j. You are talking to Cousin Jorge from Costa Rica.
- k. You are talking to Alfredo, a co-worker in your store.
- l. You are talking with a group of older businessmen from Spain.
- m. You are talking with a group of teenagers from Spain. Some of them are boys.
- n. You are talking to the governor of Sonora, Mexico.
- o. You are talking with one of your parents.
- p. You are talking with your teacher.
- q. You are talking to your boyfriend. He is from the Dominican Republic.
- r. You meet an 84 year old lady from Honduras.
- s. You are addressing the judge at court.
- t. Which 2 words for “you” could you possibly use if you wanted to show respect to the person(s) that you are talking to?
- u. Which 2 words could you use if you wanted to give the message to the person(s) that you want to be friends?
- v. Which 2 words are only used in Spain?
- w. Which word would you use in Argentina to show friendship and warmth?
- x. Which 3 words could be used only with one other person?
- y. Which 3 words could be used only with groups of two or more people?
- z. Which word would be safest to use if you are not sure which word for “you” to use?

Answers:

- a. Since you do not know the person well, it would be best to use “Usted”.
- b. Since the boy is quite a bit younger than you, it would be appropriate to use “tú”.
- c. You definitely want to use respect. Use “Usted”.
- d. Since they are peers, and from Spain, and all are girls, it would be appropriate to use “vosotras”.
- e. Since he has a title, Mister, you should use “Usted”.
- f. Since there is more than one person, you should use “Ustedes”.
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- h. You should show respect to your boss and use “Usted”.
- i. Your girlfriend is from Argentina so “voz” would be appropriate.
- j. You should use “tú” with your cousin.
- k. You should use “tú” with a co-worker with who you are on a first name basis. He is a peer.
- l. You should use respect by using “Ustedes” when you are talking with a group of older people, even from Spain.
- m. You should use “vosotros” when talking with a group of young people from Spain and at least one person is male.
- n. You should show respect because of his title and probably his age and use “Usted”
- o. This is tricky and may vary from family to family. In some families, you would use the familiar “tú” in order to show friendship and family relationships. In other families you would use “Ud.” as a show of respect to the patriarch or matriarch of the family and that they are older than you. This answer would depend on family preferences.
- p. You should use “Ud.” as a show of respect for the title and maybe the age of your teacher.
- q. You should use “tú” with a boyfriend.
- r. You should use “Ud.” out of respect for her age.
- s. You should use “Ud.” because of the title of “judge”.
- t. “Usted” for one person and “Ustedes” for more than one person.
- u. You would use “tú” or in Argentina “voz” for one person that you want to show friendship towards.
- v. “Vosotros” and “vosotras” are used only in Spain.
- w. You would use “voz” in Argentina to show warmth and friendship.
- x. “Tú”, “Usted”, and “voz” (in Argentina) are used to talk to just one person.
- y. “Ustedes” and “vosotros or vosotras” (in Spain) are used with groups of 2 or more people.
- z. If you are not sure which word to use, start out with “Usted”. It is the safest to show respect first.