

They both mean you, and we are all used to tú more than usted. In Spanish, there is a distinction and you could be, unwillingly, insulting someone.

Tú	Usted
Children and animals Your age or younger Family (usually) Friends A co-worker you know well	Older people Bureaucratic / Legal Someone you just met Best to use this if you do not know.



If you meet a Spanish speaker - and have no idea what to use - it is better to err on the side of caution and use the USTED. If the person either does not care or wants you to be more relaxed and use the TÚ, they will usually say so. The usual phrase is “Tuteame” or “Tuteame, por favor” (or “Use the tú, please”).

Which one will you use ¿Cómo estás? Or ¿Cómo está Usted?

1. A student.
2. A police officer.
3. Your best friend.
4. A neighbor you know very well.
5. Your school principal.
6. A teacher.
7. Your parent.



Click and drag it into the correct group.

Tú	Usted

Dr. Perez

A person in line at Walmart

Susana

Your church Pastor

Your friend

Your sibling

Your Math teacher

A waitress

Sr. Ruiz

A little kid

Your grandmother

A puppy