Tú versus usted

- both mean “**you**”
- they are each used in different **situations**
- tú = **informal** 
- usted = **formal**

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| - someone your **age** or **younger**  
- to show **familiarity**  
- friends  
- cousins  
- classmates  
- younger kids  
- brothers/sisters | - someone **older** than you  
- to show **respect**  
- strangers  
- teachers  
- principal  
- adults  
- grandparents |

For parents: depends on the **family**. Some parents tell their children to use “**usted**”, some prefer the more **comfortable** “tú”.

To ask someone “How are you?”

¿Cómo estás **tú**?  
¿Cómo está **usted**?