

Approximate  
Teaching Time:  
10-15 Minutes with  
CD. Without CD,  
2-5 Minutes

# Activity 1: Rules

## Las Reglas

(Lahs Rreh-glaHS)



Begin every Spanish class by reviewing the rules in the table below. The first few times play **Spanish in November CD Track 1** to help you. Soon you will have the rules memorized and you'll be able to review them at the start of each class without the CD. As you teach the rules, show your students "The Rules" card" from page 51. (If you prefer a longer version of the rules with more explanations use the **Spanish in September** lesson.)



CD Track 1	English	Spanish	Pronunciation
1.	Criss-cross applesauce.	Siéntense y (2+) mírenme. (2+) Manos así.	See- <u>en</u> -ten- <u>seh</u> ee <u>mee</u> -den-meh. <u>Mah</u> -nohs ah- <u>see</u> .
2.	Quiet.	Silencio.	See- <u>len</u> -see-oh.
3.	Look at me.	Mírame. (1) Mírenme. (2+)	<u>Mee</u> -dah-meh. <u>Mee</u> -den-meh.
4.	Hands like this.	Manos así.	<u>Mah</u> -nohs ah- <u>see</u> .
5.	*Listen.	Escucha. (1) Escuchen. (2+)	Eh- <u>skoo</u> -chah. Eh- <u>skoo</u> -chen.
6.	*Raise your hand(s).	Levanta la mano. (1) Levanten las manos. (2+)	Leh- <u>bon</u> -tah lah <u>mah</u> -noh. Leh- <u>bon</u> -ten las <u>mah</u> -nohs.

Teach & Learn Spanish™ Vocabulary & Pronunciation Table

\*(1) means that you say the command to one person. (Singular Command Form)

\*(2+) means that you say the command to 2 or more people. (Plural Command Form)

## Activity 1 Continued:

You can tell your students that "**Siéntense y mírenme, manos así**" literally translates into English as:

**“Sit down and look at me. Hands like this.”**

Everytime you and your class says "**Siéntense y mírenme, manos así**", do the following actions:

Phrase: **Siéntense y**

Action: **Tap legs four times**

Phrase: **míren me.**

Action: **Point to eyes three times.**

Phrase: **Manos**

Action: **Raise hands above head and wiggle fingers**

Phrase: **así.**

Action: **Lower hands and fold them in lap.**

## Activity 1 Continued:



If you want to make your students laugh and enjoy learning the rules in Spanish, play **“The Rules Game”** the following routine right after you reivew them. Pick one of the rules, "Silencio" for example. Tell them that you are going to pretend



you are three years old and that you will forget to be quiet. Explain that they are your Spanish teachers and they need to help remind you to be quiet. When you start to make a lot of noise they must all say, "Silencio" to you. When they do, immediately become quiet. Look at them sheepishly and say, "Thank you" followed by "gracias". When I make noise I simply say, "Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.". I repeat this exact scenario 3-4 times. They laugh harder each time! But guess what? They learn how to say "Silencio" really fast!

Then pick another rule like "manos así". Tell them this time you are going to pretend you are two years old and that you will forget to keep your hands to yourself. When you begin touching others the class must pretend they are your Spanish teachers and all say, ""manos así". Say to a boy, for example, "cool shoes" then touch his shoes and help the class say and model, "manos así". Quickly put your hands in your lap, look a bit embarrassed and say, "Thank you" followed by "gracias".



Next ask a girl if you can braid her hair and begin to touch her hair and immediately the should say, "manos así". Continue to touch the shoes and hair of different students.

## Activity 1 Continued:

After carrying this silly scenario out with two commands move on to another activity. The kids usually beg me to continue but I like to move on while they still like to play **“The Rules Game”** so they are excited for me to do it again the next class. By empowering your students to be "your teacher" they will learn how to say the commands quickly and easily. You will probably hear them giving the commands to each other in not time at all!

