

A stylized botanical illustration in a muted color palette of greens, browns, and greys. It features various plant elements: a large, textured circular shape on the left, a central plant with long, pointed leaves, and a vertical stem with small, dark, oval-shaped leaves on the right. The background is a light, textured beige.

EXPRESSIONS OF OBLIGATION

Semillas: Elementary Spanish II



When do we use expressions of obligation?

Expressions of obligation convey a sense of duty, requirement, or advisability but are not direct commands. They can be a more polite way of expressing a command.



What are some expressions of obligation?



You have seen some expressions of obligation before.

- Tener + que + infinitive *To have to*
- Hay + que + infinitive *One must / It is necessary*

We are going to learn another expression that means ***should*** but **conveys a recommendation or suggestion** rather than a strict obligation.

- **Debería(n)+ infinitive** *You should*

Some examples

Deberían enviar las invitaciones para la fiesta de Año Nuevo pronto.

You (plural) should send the invitations for the New Year's party soon.

Debería disfrazarse para el Día de los Muertos.

You (singular) should dress up for The Day of the Dead.

No debería batir los huevos antes de añadirlos a la mezcla.

You (singular) should not beat the eggs before adding them to the mix.

