



IMPERATIVE

The imperative is formed with the verb without a subject

Open the door!
Take an aspirin.
Pay attention

The negative imperative is formed with Do not / Don't and the verb

Don't touch that
Don't play with your brother



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USES OF IMPERATIVES



Open the door. **Turn** right

Don't worry. Don't stop.

Be quiet. Be careful

Let's go home. Let's not wait.

Orders or instructions

+ imperatives = verb (infinitive).

– imperatives = *don't* + verb (infinitive).

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Don't worry. Don't stop.

Add *please* to be polite:

Open the door, please.

- We often use *be* + adjective in imperatives:

Be quiet, Be careful, etc.

- Don't use a pronoun with imperatives:

Be quiet - ~~be you quiet~~

Don't smoke - ~~Don't smoke you~~

- Use *Let's* + verb (infinitive) to make suggestions

Let's go home.

- Use *Let's not* + verb to make a negative suggestion:

Let's not wait.



IMPERATIVES

Function	Example
Imperative to use giving a direct/order/command	Wake up now!
Imperative to use giving a warning/prohibition	Watch out! Don't touch me!
Imperative to use giving a advice	Don't be panic Don't eat too much
Imperative to use giving a instruction	Go straight ahead then turn left Take the pill after a meal
Imperative to use giving a request	Please don't go Please reconsider Let me alone, please

We form the **imperative** with the **bare infinitive** without the subject.



Sit down, please!

We form the **negative imperative** with **do not/ don't** and the bare infinitive.



Don't feed the animals!

We use the **imperative** to give instructions.



Put the spaghetti dish in the oven.

We use the **imperative** to give orders.



Don't eat in the class!

We use the **imperative** to offer something.



Have a snack.

We use the **imperative** to tell someone what to do or not to do.



Sign this form, please!

EXAMPLE 1

turn off

install

not leave

not waste

plant

unplug

- 1 the lights when you don't need them. ...
- 2 the charger when the cellphone is charged. ...
- 3 the refrigerator door open. ...
- 4 water. Fix leaky faucets. ...
- 5 solar panels to heat your water. ...
- 6 trees next to your home. ...


EXAMPLE 2

1 walk/dog	✓
2 play/loud music	X
3 do/homework	✓
4 clean/living room	✓
5 talk/on phone/for long	X
6 go/supermarket	✓
7 wash/dishes	✓
8 give/dog/chocolate	X
9 use/my/computer	X

- 1 *Walk the dog.*
- 2 *Don't play loud music.*
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____

EXERCISES

- **COMPLETE THESE IMPERATIVES:**
- 1) _____ upstairs. (to go)
- 2) _____ in this lake. (not/to swim)
- 3) _____ your homework. (to do)
- 4) _____ football in the yard.
(not/to play)
- 5) _____ your teeth. (to brush)

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- 6) _____ during the lesson. (not/to talk)
 - 7) _____ the animals in the zoo. (not/to feed)
 - 8) _____ the instructions. (to read)
 - 9) _____ late for school. (not/to be)
 - 10) _____ your mobiles. (to switch off)

The Imperative



Affirmative

Infinitive without "to"

Open the window, please!

Negative

Don't + Infinitive without "to"

Don't close the door!

Fill in the correct form of the verb:

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|--|-------------------|
| 1. _____ careful not to fall down! | 1. to be |
| 2. _____ the street on the red light! | 2. not to cross |
| 3. I don't understand you. _____ slowly, please. | 3. to speak |
| 4. _____ ! I hear you quite well. | 4. not to shout |
| 5. _____ to his explanation attentively! | 5. to listen |
| 6. _____ this water! It is very cold. | 6. not to drink |
| 7. _____ these words altogether! | 7. to repeat |
| 8. _____ to call your grandmother today! | 8. not to forget |
| 9. _____ to the text attentively! | 9. to listen |
| 10. _____ your names at the top! | 10. to write |
| 11. _____ my mobile phone! | 11. not to touch |
| 12. _____ yourself to the cake! It is tasty. | 12. to help |
| 13. _____ straight ahead two blocks! | 13. to go |
| 14. _____ football on the road! | 14. not to play |
| 15. _____ the blackboard, please. | 15. to clean |
| 16. _____ your books on page 68! | 16. to open |
| 17. _____ carefully! It is slippery today. | 17. to drive |
| 18. _____ up the tree! You'll fall down. | 18. not to climb |
| 19. _____ two bottles of milk, please. | 19. to buy |
| 20. _____ the bread, please. | 20. to cut |
| 21. _____ to feed the hamster! | 21. not to forget |
| 22. _____ the nouns in these sentences! | 22. to underline |
| 23. _____ your books into the bag! | 23. to put |
| 24. _____ your keys! They are on the table. | 24. not to lose |
| 25. _____ these dirty plates, please. | 25. to wash |
| 26. _____ these programmes on the computer! | 26. to install |
| 27. _____ with the boys at school! | 27. not to fight |
| 28. _____ the light, please. | 28. to switch off |
| 29. _____ the flowers, please. | 29. to water |
| 30. _____ ! Your little brother is sleeping. | 30. not to run |
| 31. _____ a taxi for me, please. | 31. to call |
| 32. _____ coffee! I don't like it! | 32. not to order |