

Research Definitions:

- (1) Actual Article Suggestion – A course of action is suggested of how to treat or manage the content of the article being discussed. These imperatives are specific to the article being considered and cannot be generalized to others.
- (2) Wikipedia Technical –Imperative sentences recommending or instructing others to engage in a technical action within the Wikipedia framework like “merging” or “moving” the article. These are more general as they have to do with the support structures around the article and not the content within it.
- (3) Norm or Cultural Practice – Imperative sentences centred on instructing or articulating user community behavioural norms and not necessarily the article itself. These imperative sentences can be broader in that they do not have to refer directly to the article at hand.
- (4) Thinking (Prompt?) – A user directs others to “think”, or more semantically “to consider” or “reconsider”, additional evidence and/or an alternative viewpoint. There may, or may not, refer to a specific source and can include requesting other users to weigh an abstract concept.
- (5) Reference – User references material within Wikipedia (ie. Other Articles)
- (6) Reference – User references material outside of Wikipedia (ie. Other websites)
- (7) Reference – User references Wikipedia criteria (ie. Deletion Policy)

Derailing Imperatives:

Separate list will be kept of items that are technically imperatives but are constructive to the process. Examples would be insults, sarcastic or incendiary remarks and other similar sentences that were made to, seemingly, derail the proceedings or conversation.