

# The imperative form

## Form of the imperative:

The imperative form is the same as the *bare infinitive*.

It has only one form for both second person singular and plural “**you**”.

### EXAMPLES :

- **Push** !
- **Take** your medication.

In the negative form, you add “**do not**” or “**don't**”.

### EXAMPLES :

- **Don't push** !
- **Don't take** your medication.

## Use of the imperative:

You can use the imperative to give instructions, commands, advice or to invite.

### 1) To give instructions:

- **Put** your feet in the stirrups.
- **Lie** down on the examination table.

### 2) To give commands:

- **Do not yell** at your patient.
- **Keep** quiet during the exam.

### 3) To give advice:

- **Go** to the hospital, you are sick.
- **Do not smoke** while being pregnant.

### 4) To invite:

- **Come** and **volunteer** at the ER. You will learn a lot.
- **Have** a sit and **tell** me what's going on.

## Use of the emphatic “do” with the imperative.

You can use “**do**” before the imperative for polite emphasis, to be persuasive or to show irritation.

### 1) For polite emphasis:

- **Do take** your clothes off, I'll be back in a minute.

### 2) To be persuasive:

- **Do try** to exercise more, it's good for your health.

### 3) To show irritation:

- **Do stop** talking! The patients are sleeping.