



# Imperative 1

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# Exercise 1 – Learning

## When do we use imperatives?

We use imperatives when we want to tell someone to do something. This can be:

- *an order*: **Finish** your food!
- *a request*: **Open** the door, please!
- *directions*: **Go straight** and **turn right**.
- *permission*: Can I sit here? --Yes, please **do**.

## How do we use imperatives?

Use the verb without a subject:

- **Sit** down!
- **Go** there!
- **Do** your homework!



To negate imperatives, use **do not** / **don't** before the main verb:

- **Don't drink** that!
- **Don't drive** so fast!
- **Don't hurt** me!

In writing, imperative sentences usually (but not always) end with an **exclamation mark (!)**.

**Tip:** Using the imperative by itself can sound rude. To be more polite, use '**please**', or '**could/ would**', etc.

- Give me an apple! → **Please give** me an apple.
- Pass the salt! → **Could** you **pass** the salt?
- Speak quietly! → **Would** you **speak** quietly?



## Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

*Decide if the words in bold are used for order, request, direction, or permission.*

1. **Go back** and **turn left**.
2. **Don't do** that!
3. **Wash** the dishes after you eat, please.
4. **Don't forget** me!
5. **Look** at the sky! It's so beautiful.
6. **Don't go** too far!
7. **Don't eat** it. It smells strange.
8. Can we sit here? Yes, please **do**.



## Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

*Use what you learned in class to create negative forms of these imperatives.*

**Example:** Run! → Don't run!

### **Content:**

1. Wash the dishes!
2. Throw away the trash!
3. Wipe the table!
4. Please, clean the floor.
5. Please write your name here.
6. Use your phone!