

Imperative

The imperative is used to give commands and orders. The form of the verb used for the imperative is the base form of the main verb, which is used without a subject.

1. Use the imperative for directions, instructions and requests:
 - **Run**, Cloud! (*instructions*)
 - **Turn** left to reach the right tunnel. (*directions*)
 - **Please help** us reach the forest. (*request*)
2. The word order of a sentence in the imperative is:
 - Verb + Object (if needed):
 - i. Save them!
3. Use the base form of the verb for the imperative:
 - **Come** here, Branch.
4. Use do not + the base form for the negative form of the imperative. Don't is the short form (contraction) of do not.
 - **Don't** run away.
5. Please makes a request more polite. Please comes at the beginning or at the end of the sentence.
 - **Please** tell us which the right tunnel is.
 - Tell us which the right tunnel is, **please**.
6. Although the main feature of sentences in the imperative is that they have no grammatical subject, they do have an understood subject, 'you'.
7. The basic form of the imperative remains the same whether it is addressed to one or more people.
 - Come on, **Branch**. We need to save them!
 - Come on, **trolls**. We need to save them!