

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:
 - **Bring** the mirror! (*instructions*)
 - **Turn** left to reach the castle. (*directions*)
 - **Tell me** who is the Muffin Man. (*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, Mirror.
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** tell him anything.
5. Please makes a request more polite. Please comes at the beginning or at the end of the sentence.
 - **Please** tell us where we can find the princess.
 - Tell us where we can find the princess, **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, **Mirror**. Show me the princesses!
 - Come on, **knights**. Tell me who to pick!

