

Imperative mood

Read it carefully!

If you look at the sentence above you can see how imperative functions in English. Imperative implies an order or command. For example: Listen to me! Write a good essay! Let's read together.

In BSC there are only three forms of "real" imperative. The first person Sng does not exist since one cannot order oneself. This is also the case with the third persons Sng and PL because one cannot command the person who is not participating directly in the conversation.

Sng.	PL.
1. -----	1. -mo
2. -i	2. -te
3. -----	3. -----

1 step.

Find the third person Pl of the present tense. Drop the final consonant and add –i.

<u>Pisati</u>	<u>Misliti</u>
Oni piš <u>u</u> - piši	oni misle <u>e</u> - misli

Ti piši svoj domaći zadatak/svoju domaću zadaću. Write your homework!

This is your imperative form for the second person Sng. Then on this stem you simply add endings for plural forms: pišimo, pišite.

Pišite lepo/lijepo. Write nicely. Mislite o nama. Think about us.

- If -J precedes the final vowel (this is for a/aju present tense type) do not add –i since you already have the imperative form.

Piti	Čitati
Pij <u>u</u> - Pij!	Čitaj <u>u</u> -Čitaj!
Ti pij svoj čaj, a vi pijte vaš.	Čitaj lepo/lijepo! Read nicely!

To be more polite and seem more friendly you can form the imperative by using

Hajde+da+present tense

Hajde da napišemo jedan e-mail zajedno. Let us write an e-mail together.

TO BE-Verb to be has characteristic imperative forms. You simply need to memorize them:

budi, budimo, budite

Budi dobar. Be nice (behave). Budite tihi. Be quiet!

Indirect imperative- is used for the 3rd persons (sng and pl) since there is no possibility for direct command to the third party. It is formed by **neka**+present tense

Neka ona ide u restoran. Let her go to the restaurant.

Neka oni budu prvi. Let them be first.

Imperative- Negative form

A- negate the verb:

Ne pij tu vodu. Do not drink that water. Ne slušajte njega već mene. Do not listen to him but me.

B- use **nemoj, nemojmo, nemojte** +da+present (or infinitive)

Nemoj da čitaš taj roman. Do not read that novel. Nemojte gledati TV. Do not watch TV.

Vežbe-Vježbe

1. find imperative forms of the following verbs and then make a sentence for each one.

Kupiti _____

Dati _____

Gledati _____

Pojesti _____

Ići _____

Učiti _____
