



# IMPERATIVES

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# We use imperatives to:



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## Give orders

Go away.  
Stop that.  
Keep quiet.

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## Give advice or warnings

Don't forget to take your passport with you.  
Be careful!  
Don't go on the ice.

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## Give Instructions

Don't use this spray near a naked flame.  
Apply the glue thinly and leave it for ten minutes.

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## Make an offer or an invitation.

Have a piece of cake.  
Come round and see me.  
Come to my birthday party.



## 05 Making suggestions



*Let's* (let + us) + main verb  
*let's not* + main verb

- is used in the 1st person plural only, especially when you are trying to encourage someone to do something with you.
- It includes both *the speaker and the hearer*, so the subject that is understood is represented by the plural *we*.

*Let's visit Malcolm this weekend.*

*Please let's go to the cinema tonight.*

*Let's have a look at your new computer, Chris.*

*Let's not worry about that now*

# HOW TO FORM THE IMPERATIVE?

**verb** + **object** (if needed).

- ✓ *Walk to the corner, **turn** right, and **cross** the road.*
- ✓ *Open your mouth and **say** 'Aaaah'.*

Although the main feature of sentences in the imperative is that they have no **grammatical subject**, they do have an **understood** subject, '*you*'.

The basic form of the imperative remains the same whether it is addressed to one or more people.

- ✓ *Come on, Mary; I'm waiting.*
- ✓ *Come on, girls; you're late.*





## REMEMBER:

We use imperatives to make people do things.

We use the **infinitive** to form the Imperative.

Affirmative sentences	Negative sentences
Come here.	<b>Don't</b> come now.
Clean the bathroom.	<b>Don't</b> clean the living room.
Help your father.	<b>Don't</b> play on the computer.

Use the exclamation mark only when you want to indicate an emotion, e.g. Stop! Help!



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