

THE IMPERATIVES

We can use imperatives to:

GIVE ORDERS

- Come here at once!
- Take that gum out of your mouth!

GIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- Take one pill every 12 hours.
- Open your books on page 33.

ON SIGNS

- Push
- Pull
- Give way
- Stay on your right

GIVE WARNINGS

- Don't sit on the bench! It's wet paint.
- Don't smoke! It's bad for your health.

MAKE AN INVITATION

- Have some tea. It's still hot.
- Come in and sit down. We are having tea.

GIVE ADVICE

- Go home and get some sleep. You look exhausted.
- Tell me about your trip to Ireland.



1 Complete the following instructions with these verbs: go, take, turn, cross.

Dialogue A

- Excuse me. How can I get to the bank?

- go straight on, Take the second turning on the left, then cross at the pedestrian crossing, Turn past the post office and the bank is just next to it.

Dialogue B

- Good morning, can you tell me how I can go to the bus station?

- ~~Take~~ cross up this road, take right at the corner, go along to the end of the street and you'll find it there.

2 Make the following instructions negative. See the example.

- a Write a letter
- b Sit down *Don't sit down*
- c Clean the room *Don't clean the room*
- d Make dinner *Don't make dinner*
- e Call your mother *Don't call your mother*
- f Put on your shoes *Don't put on your shoes*

Don't write a letter

3 Make the following instructions affirmative. See the example.

- a Don't send the parcel
- b Don't make your bed *make your bed*
- c Don't use the computer *use the computer*
- d Don't close the window *close the window*
- e Don't take those books away *take those books away*
- f Don't open the fridge *Don't open the fridge*

Send the parcel

4 Match the two columns to make instructions:

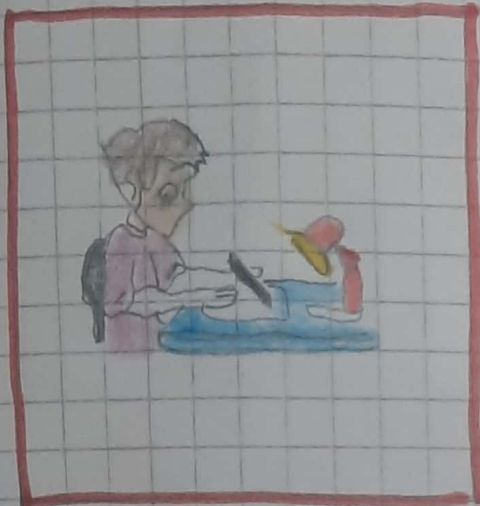
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| a Feed | <input type="checkbox"/> | have a drink |
| b Wash | <input type="checkbox"/> | put on your jacket, it's hot |
| c Don't | <input type="checkbox"/> | your bedroom |
| d Do | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | go to class; it's eight o'clock. |
| e Let's | <input type="checkbox"/> | the dishes |
| f Tidy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | your homework |
| g Don't | <input type="checkbox"/> | the bird |
| h Let's | <input type="checkbox"/> | leave the door open |



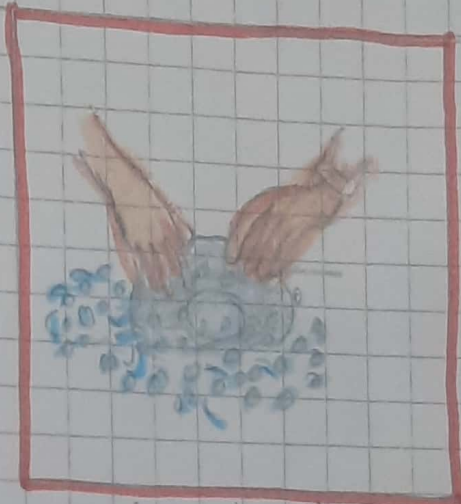
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Do your homework



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lets have a drink

