

# 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, turn the second turning on the left, then cross at the pedestrian crossing, take 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 up this road, turn 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 Don't write a letter
- b Sit down → Do not sit down
- c Clean the room Don't clean your 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 your shoes on

3 Make the following instructions affirmative. See the example.

- a Don't send the parcel 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 Open the window
- e Don't take those books away take those books
- f Don't open the fridge Open the Fridge

4 Match the two columns to make instructions:

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

Feed the birds.



Wash the dishes.



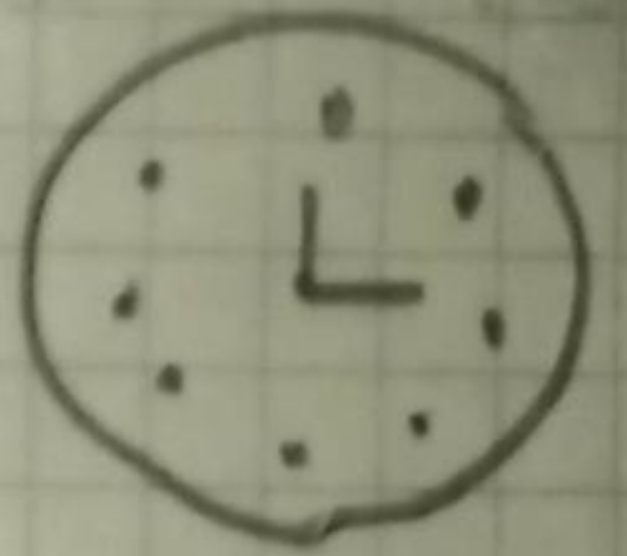
Don't put on your jacket, it's hot.



Do your homework



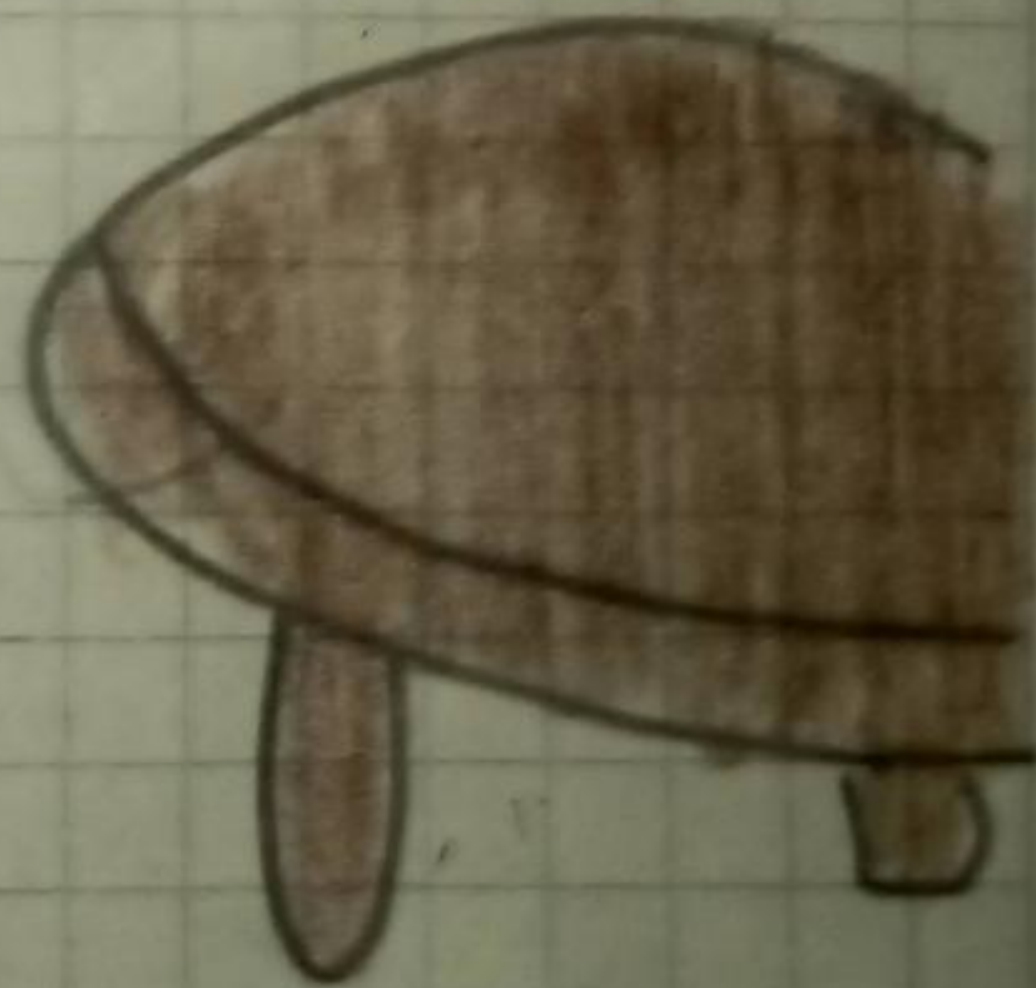
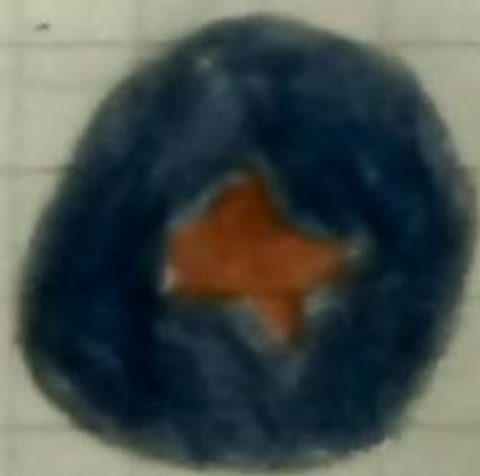
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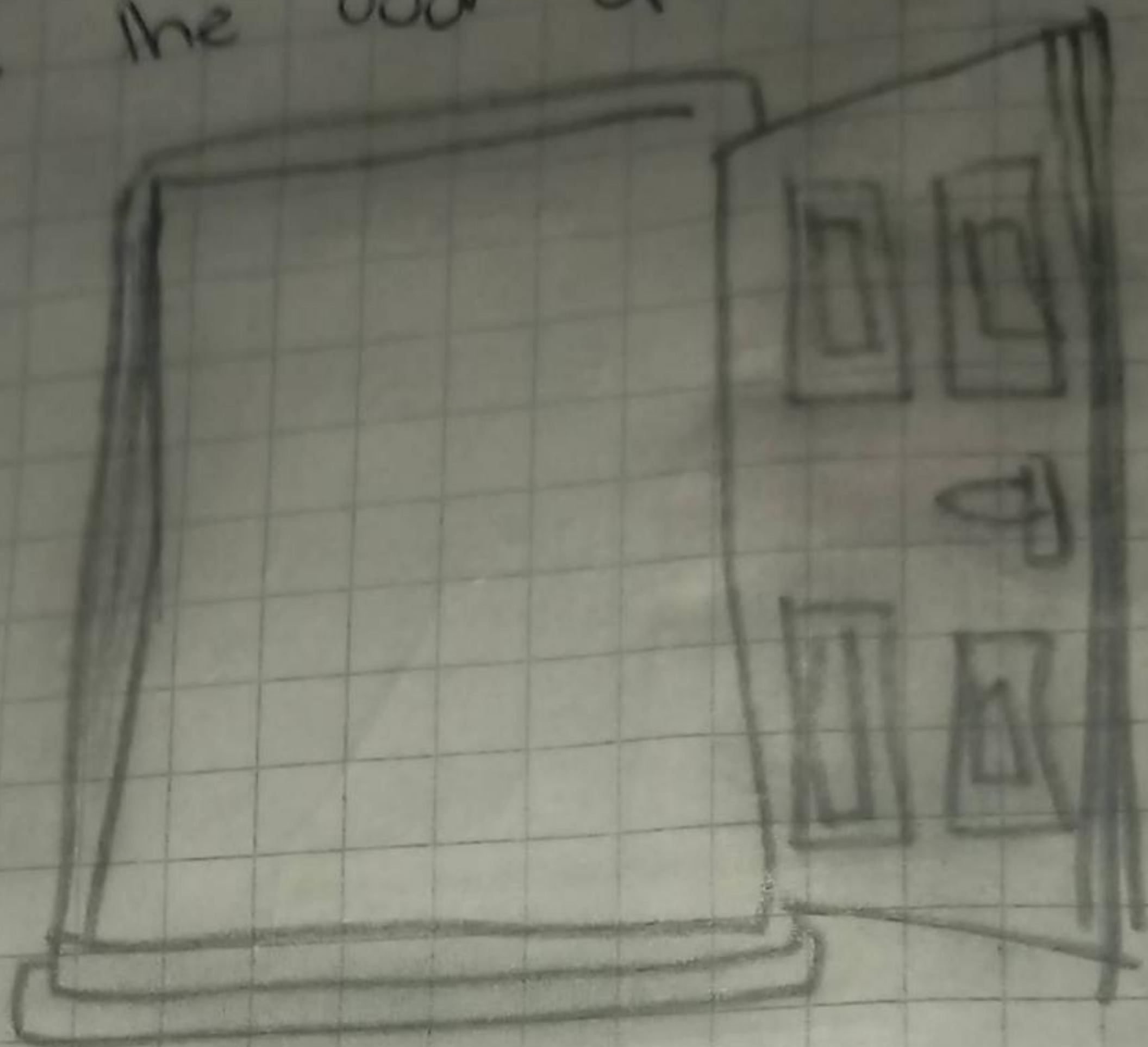
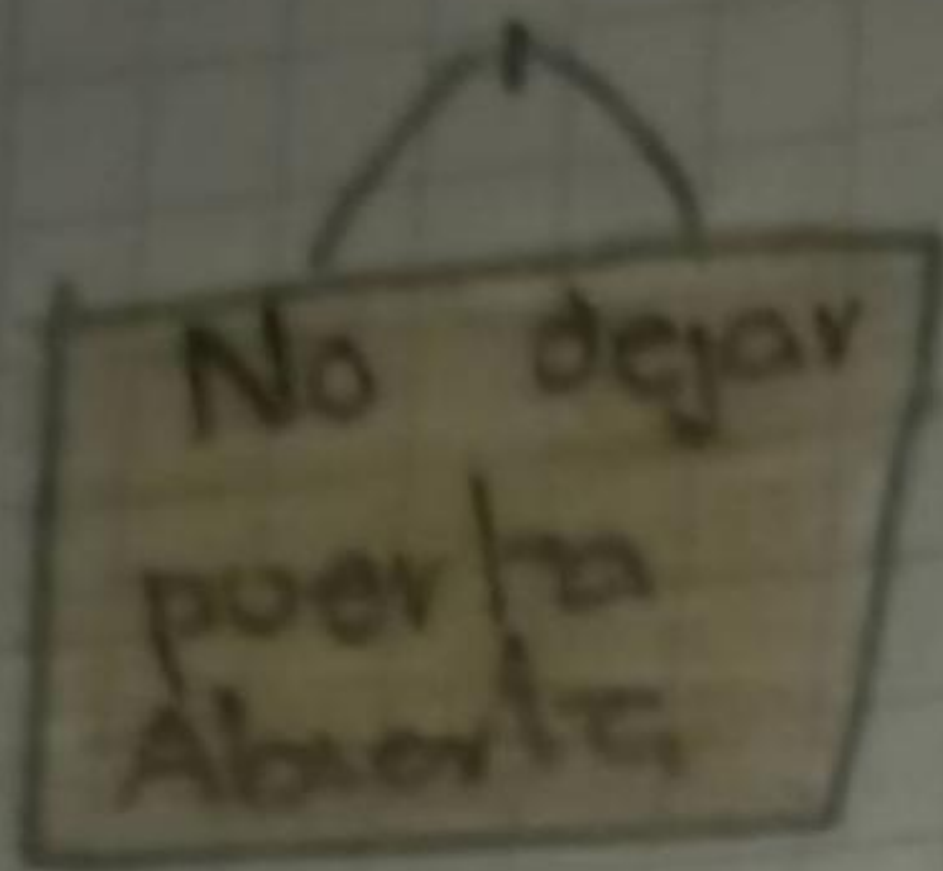
Eight o'clock



Tidy your bedroom.



Don't leave the door open



Let's have a drink!

