

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.

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Activity

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
- b) Sit down
- c) Clean the room
- d) Make dinner
- e) Call your mother
- f) Put on your shoes

Don't write a letter

- b) Don't sit down
- c) Don't clean the room
- d) Don't make dinner
- e) Don't call your mother
- f) Don't put on your shoes

3 Make the following instructions affirmative. See the example.

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

Send the parcel

- b) make your bed
- c) Use the computer
- d) close the window
- e) take those books away
- f) open the fridge

4 Match the two columns to make instructions:

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