

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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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.

Make the following instructions negative. See the example.

- a Write a letter
- b Sit down
- c Clean the room
- d Wake dinner
- e Call your mother
- f Put on your shoes

Don't write a letter

- Don't sit down
- Don't clean the room
- Don't Make dinner
- Don't call your mother
- Don't Put on your

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

- make your bed
- use the computer
- close the window
- take those books away
- open the fridge

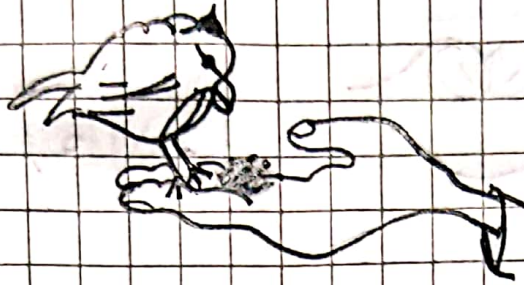
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Match the two columns to make instructions:

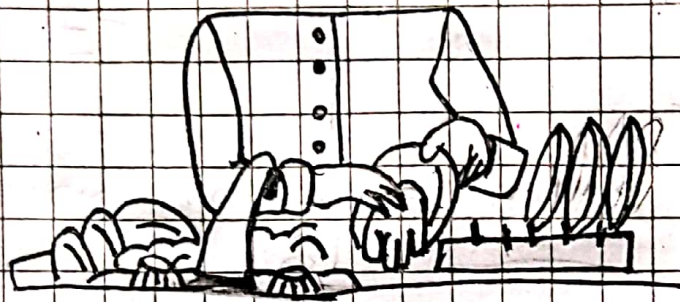
- a Feed
- b Wash
- c Don't
- d Do
- e Let's
- f Tidy
- g Don't
- h Let's

- h have a drink
- c put on your jacket, it's hot
- f your bedroom
- e go to class, it's eight o'clock
- b the dishes
- d your homework
- a the bird
- g leave the door open

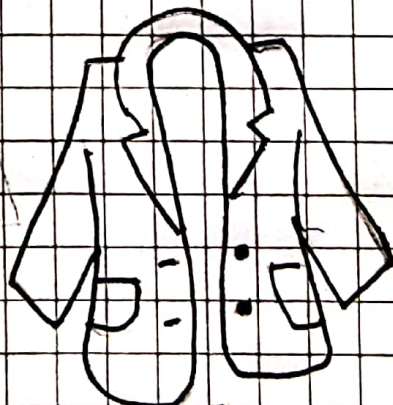
- Feed the bird



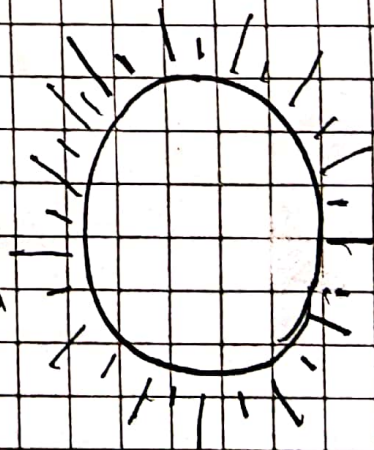
- Wash the dishes



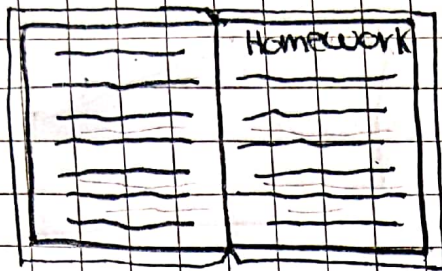
- Don't put on your jacket, it's hot



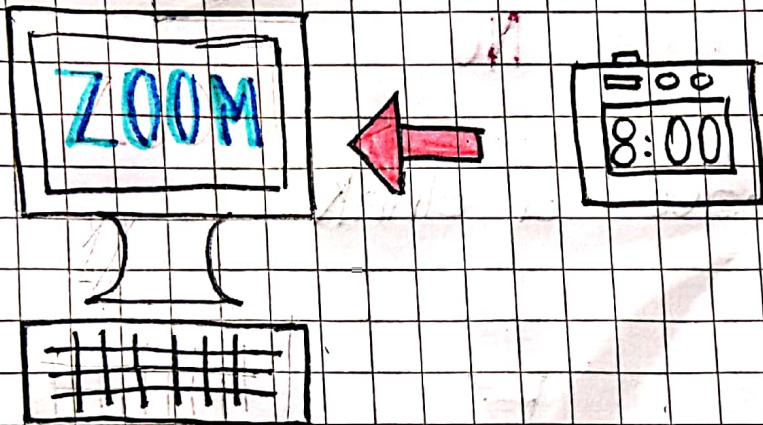
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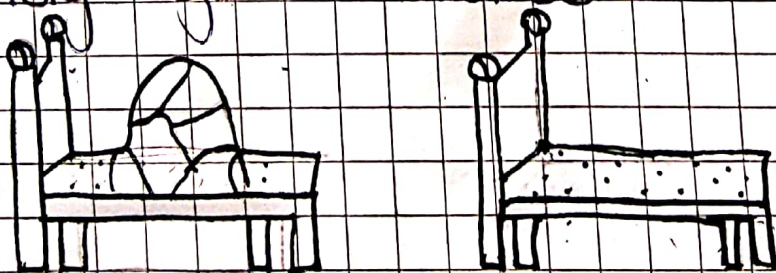
- Do your homework



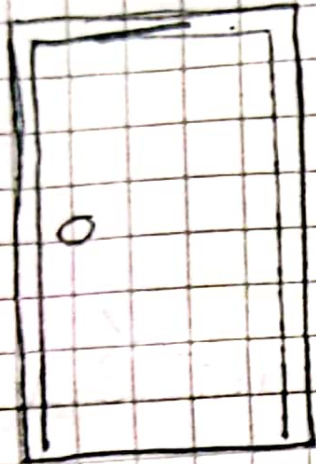
- Let's go to class; it's eight o'clock



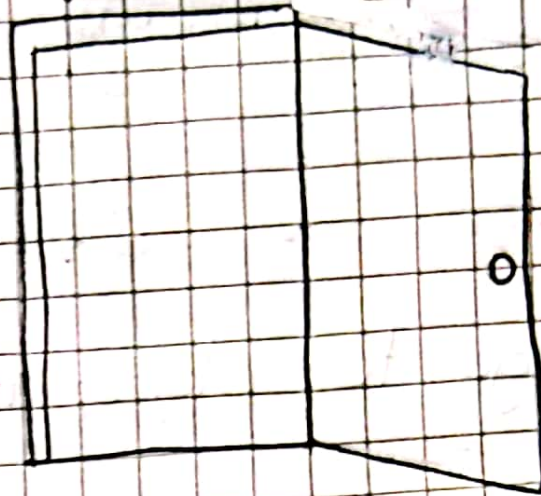
- tidy your bedroom



- don't leave the door open



YES



NO

- Let's go have a drink

