

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?

- Turn 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

Don't sit down
 Don't clean the room
 Don't make dinner
 Don't call your mother
 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

Make your bed
 Use the computer
 Close the window
 Take those books away
 Open the fridge

4 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

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a) Feed the bird

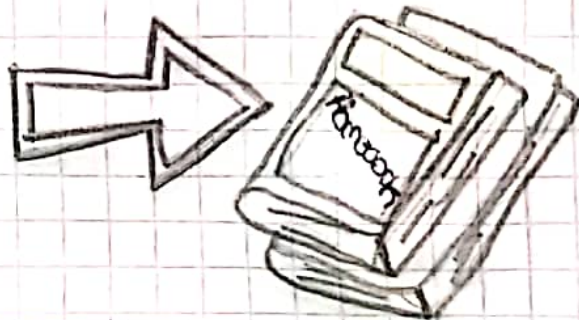


c) Don't put on your jacket, it's hot



b) Wash the dishes

d) Do your homework



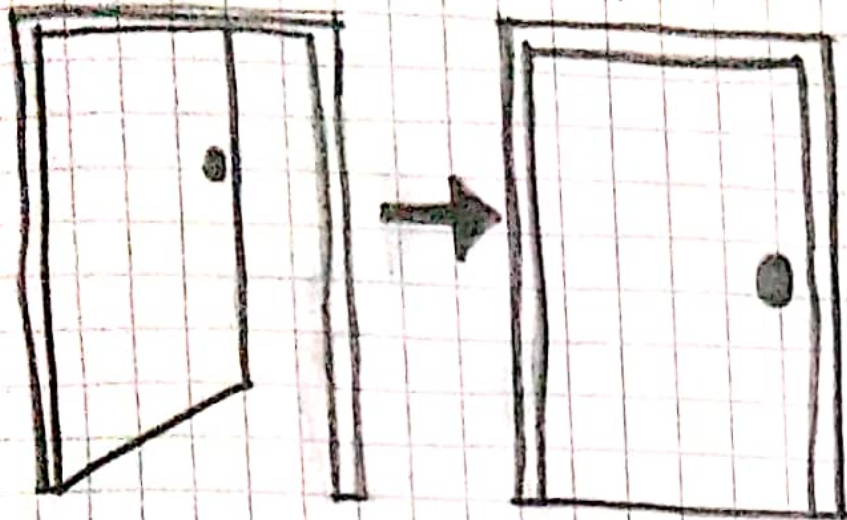
e) Let's go to class, it's eight o'clock.



f) Tidy your bedroom



g) Don't leave the door open



H) Let's have a drink

