

## IMPERATIVE FORM

The imperative is very simple. Just use **the infinitive form of the verb without TO** . We do not usually write or say the subject of an imperative sentence, but we understand it is 'you' (singular or plural).

The negative form adds '**Do not**' or '**Don't**' before the verb.

### 1 Form

<b>AFFIRMATIVE:</b>	<b>Come</b> here! <b>Be</b> quiet! <b>Heat</b> the milk.
<b>NEGATIVE:</b>	<b>Do not feed</b> the animals. <b>Don't be</b> angry! <b>Do not overheat</b> .

The imperative can be used for all subjects, but you can also use "**let's**" before the verb if you are including yourself in the imperative.

The negative form adds '**Not**' after '**Let's**'

<b>AFFIRMATIVE:</b>	<b>Let's stop</b> now! <b>Let's have</b> some lunch!
<b>NEGATIVE:</b>	<b>Let's not argue</b> . <b>Let's not tell her</b> about it!

### 2 Some uses

An imperative sentence means that we want someone to do, or not to do, something.

#### a WRITTEN SIGNS AND NOTICES

<b>EXAMPLES:</b>	<b>Reduce</b> speed now (a road sign) <b>Keep</b> off the grass (in a park) <b>Do not lean</b> out of the window (on a train) <b>Fasten</b> seat belts (on a plane)
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## b INSTRUCTIONS

**EXAMPLES:** **Bake** for thirty minutes. **Do not overcook.**  
**Turn** right at the traffic lights and then **take** the second turn on the left.

## c COMMANDS

**EXAMPLES:** **Wake** up! It's half past eight.

## d REMINDERS

**EXAMPLES:** **Don't forget** the book tomorrow.

## e FRIENDLY EXPRESSIONS

<b>EXAMPLES:</b>	<b>Come</b> in and <b>sit</b> down!	[welcoming]
	<b>Have</b> a seat!	[offering]
	<b>Don't worry!</b>	[sympathizing]
	<b>Be</b> careful!	[warning]
	<b>Have</b> a good trip!	[saying goodbye]
	<b>See</b> you on Tuesday	[saying goodbye]
	<b>Have</b> a nice weekend!	[saying goodbye]

**NOTICE:** To be polite, add **please** to the end of the sentence:

**EXAMPLES:** Wait a minute, **please.**  
Fasten your seat belts, **please.**

**NOTICE:** To show that you want something very much, put **do** or **please** at the beginning of the sentence:

**EXAMPLES:** **Do** show me!  
**Please** tell me!  
**Do** let's go!  
**Please** be careful!

**NOTICE:** The Imperative **in signs** can be found as **No + V ing**. It means it's a general warning, it's forbidden for everybody.

**EXAMPLES:** **No smoking!**  
**No trespassing!**