

The imperative 7.3

We form the imperative of the second person, singular and plural, with the infinitive of the verb without *to*. *Stop shouting!*

We form the negative imperative with **don't** + infinitive (without *to*).
Don't forget your mobile!

We form the imperative of the first-person plural with **let's** + infinitive (without *to*).
Let's go out tonight!

We form the negative imperative of the first-person plural with **let's not** + infinitive (without *to*).
Let's not arrive late at the party.

The imperative is used:

- to ask or tell someone to do something *Open the window, please.*
- to give advice or a warning *Be careful!*
- to give instructions *Press the green button.*
- to make offers and suggestions *Have another biscuit! Let's have a break.*

Note!

We use *please* when we want to be more polite.
Close the door, please.

1 Match the correct imperative to each sign.

Do not dive. ngắt hoa ~~Turn right.~~ Do not feed the animals. Drive slowly.



1 Turn right . 2 _____ . 3 _____ . 4 _____ . 5 _____ .

2 Make the following sentences negative.

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| 1 Write a letter.
<u>Don't write a letter.</u> | 3 Sit down.
_____. |
| 2 Open the window.
_____. | 4 Put on your shoes.
_____. |

3 Complete the following sentences by putting the verb in brackets in the affirmative or negative. Then listen and check.

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| 1 <u>Wash</u> (wash) your hands before you eat. | 5 _____ (touch) that wire. It's sharp. |
| 2 The water's boiling. _____ (put) some salt in it. | 6 _____ (try) not to be so shy. |
| 3 _____ (be) late for dinner! | 7 Hello Jack! _____ (come) in and |
| 4 _____ (eat) lots of fruit and vegetables. They're good for you! | _____ (have) a cup of tea. |
| | 8 _____ (stand) under a tree during a thunderstorm! |

4 Match the two columns to make instructions and suggestions.

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| 1 We're late. | a ☐ Let's have a sandwich. |
| 2 I'm bored. | b ☐ Let's go to the beach. |
| 3 I'm hungry. | c ☐ Let's play tennis. |
| 4 It's cold outside. | d ☒ Let's go to class. |
| 5 Look at the mess! | e ☐ Don't leave the window open. |
| 6 It's really hot today. | f ☐ Tidy your bedroom now! |

5 Complete the letter by using the verbs in the box. Be careful to use the affirmative or negative forms.

have turn come call be bring open take touch forget

Dear Amanda,

(1) Come and see me next weekend. I'm in a house by the beach. It's lovely here! (2) _____ to bring your swimming costume! Here are the directions: at the crossroads, (3) _____ right and continue to the end of Dean Road. (4) _____ the first on the left. (5) _____ careful! It's a dangerous road. (6) _____ a jacket. It's quite cold in the evenings. If I'm not at home when you arrive, (7) _____ me on my mobile. Otherwise, the key is under the orange plant pot in the garden. (8) _____ the front door and (9) _____ a drink. Oh, (10) _____ my dog, Jack. He isn't very friendly!!

6 Look at this advice for tourists visiting New York. Then think of some ideas and advice to help tourists visiting the capital city of your country. Write at least 4 sentences in the imperative.

Don't take taxis because they're expensive.



Use public transport.

Visit the museums.



Have a picnic in Central Park.



1 _____
2 _____

3 _____
4 _____