order

1 Verb + order (command)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

be under *come* *disobey* *receive* *take*

1. You're not my boss! I'm not ..... orders from you.
2. In the army I was punished for ..... orders. I was made to clean the toilets for a week.
3. The troops ..... orders to attack the city at dawn.
4. I'm afraid you can't come in. We ..... orders not to allow anybody into the building.
5. The order ..... direct from the Minister to release the murderer from prison two years early.

2 Giving and obeying orders

Match the two halves of these sentences:

1. Soldiers learn to obey orders
2. Don't blame me! I'm only carrying out
3. The ship was sinking fast so the captain issued
4. Instead of stopping to think,
5. It was clear she was furious with us when
6. The sergeant barked out a series of orders
7. He was arrested for refusing

a. the order to abandon ship.
b. we just blindly followed orders.
c. without questioning them.
d. to the new recruits.
e. she gave orders that she wasn't to be disturbed.
f. someone else's orders.
g. to comply with a court order to leave the city.

Go back and underline all the verbs used with *order* or *orders*.

3 Common expressions

Use these words to complete the sentences:

doctor's *marching* *strict* *tall*

1. All employees are under ..... orders not to talk to the press. They will be sacked if they do.
2. Getting this job done on time will be a ..... order. I don't know how we will be able to meet the deadline.
3. She was useless and unreliable, so she got her ..... orders! She's looking for a new job.
4. He's under ..... orders to cut down on his smoking and drinking.

4 Verb + order (business / restaurant)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

cancel *deal with* *lose*
place *send* *take*

1. I wish a waiter would come and ..... our order!
2. We're thinking of ..... a rather large order. What kind of discount could you offer?
3. I ..... you my order two weeks ago, together with a cheque for £60.
4. We will ..... your order immediately. Goods are generally dispatched within 24 hours of receipt of order.
5. Unfortunately, we ..... an important order worth hundreds of thousands of pounds because the workers went on strike.
6. I'm afraid you will lose your deposit if you decide to ..... your order.

5 Adjective + order (arrangement)

Use these adjectives in the sentences:

alphabetical *chronological* *reverse*
pecking *particular* *running*

1. Write down the events in ..... order, that is, in the order in which they happened.
2. They read out the names of the winners of the competition in ..... order – third, second and then first.
3. My name is Zavaroni – so I'm always at the bottom of every list, arranged in ..... order!
4. The ..... order for a concert is the order in which each singer or band will play.
5. The files are arranged in no ..... order. If you can think of one, let me know.
6. I've just started with the company so I'm at the bottom of the ..... order. I'm the last person to get a share of any of the good jobs that come up.

Notes

1. Note these adjective expressions:
   I think I'll have a side order of french fries.
   The coffee machine is out of order again!
2. Note the expression 'law and order'.

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