

# Obedience

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*If you're told to do a thing,  
And mean to do it really;  
Never let it be by halves;  
Do it fully, freely!*

*Do not make a poor excuse,  
Waiting, weak, unsteady;  
All obedience worth the name,  
Must be prompt and ready.*

## **Obedience (n)**

the fact that people or animals do what they are told to do.

## **Excuse (v)**

to forgive someone or something,  
to allow someone not to do or attend something when they normally would have to

## **Unsteady (adj)**

not smooth or regular:  
likely to change or to move, in a way that is worrying.

## **Steady (adj)**

not moving or changing suddenly.

## **Prompt (adj)**

(of an action) done quickly and without delay,

## **Prompt (v)**

to make something happen