

English Grammar - Imperatives

Imperatives are verbs used to give orders, warnings, advice or requests. We use the infinitive of the verb without "to" (called the "bare infinitive"). An imperative sentence does not require a subject because "you" (single or plural) is implicit.

Examples:

- **Come** here!
- **Sit** down!
- **Be** quiet!
- **Brush** your teeth before bedtime.
- **Believe** it or not!

Negative examples:

- **Don't go!**
- **Don't be** shy!
- **Don't walk** on the grass!

1. Orders:

- **Sit down** now!
- **Don't be** rude!
- **Go** to bed now!

2. Warnings:

- **Be** careful!
- **Don't touch** the wires!

3. Advice:

- **Drink** a lot of water every day.
- **Don't smoke** – it's bad for you.
- **Don't eat** a big meal before you sleep.

4. Requests:

- **Wait** for me!
- **Take** a seat.
- Please **wait** here.
- Please **hold** the line.
- Please **don't smoke** here.

Be good. If you can't be good, be careful!

Exercise. Translate to English:

1. Seja bom.

2. Tenha uma boa estadia.

3. Venha comigo.

4. Fique aqui.

5. Comporte-se.

6. Comportem-se.

7. Me ligue.

8. Olhe!

9. Por favor, conte-me uma piada.

10. Acredite em mim.
