

## The Imperative

**We can use the imperative to give a direct order.**

- Take that chewing gum out of your mouth.
- Stand up straight.
- Give me the details.

**We can use the imperative to give instructions.**

- Open your book.
- Take two tablets every evening.
- Take a left and then a right.

**We can use the imperative to make an invitation.**

- Come in and sit down. Make yourself at home.
- Please start without me. I'll be there shortly.
- Have a piece of this cake. It's delicious.

**We can use the imperative on signs and notices.**

- Push.
- Do not use.
- Insert one dollar.

**We can use the imperative to give friendly informal advice.**

- Speak to him. Tell him how you feel.
- Have a quiet word with her about it.
- Don't go. Stay at home and rest up. Get some sleep and recover.

**We can make the imperative 'more polite' by adding 'do'.**

- Do be quiet.
- Do come.
- Do sit down.

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<http://www.e-grammar.org/imperative/>

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