

Imperative Exercises

Level: A1

The Imperative: Open the door. Don't run. Let's go.

We use the imperative to tell someone to do something. An affirmative imperative usually starts with the base verb and has no subject: Sit down. Open your books.

Affirmative: Start with the base verb: Open the door. Come here. Be quiet.

Negative: Put don't (do not) before the verb: Don't run. Don't eat in class. Don't be late.

Let's: Let's + base verb is an idea for you and me together: Let's go. Let's have lunch.

Please: Add please to be polite, at the start or at the end: Please sit down. Sit down, please.

One verb for everyone: The verb never changes. It is the same for one person or many people: Sit down, Tom. Sit down, children.

Uses: Instructions, directions, classroom language and signs: Turn left. Listen and repeat. Do not touch.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

Select the correct word to complete each sentence.

- ___ the door, please. It's cold.
a) Close b) Closes c) Closing
- ___ eat in the classroom.
a) Not b) Don't c) No
- It's a nice day. ___ go to the beach!
a) Let's b) Let c) Are
- ___ quiet, please. The baby is sleeping.
a) Be b) Are c) Is
- Don't ___ your phone in class, please.
a) use b) uses c) using
- Where is the station? ___ left, and it's on your right.
a) Turn b) Turns c) Turning

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks

Type the imperative of the words in brackets.

- ___ your books, please. (open)
- ___ the plate. It's very hot! (not / touch)
- I'm hungry. ___ pizza tonight! (let's / eat)
- Dad, ___ me with my bag, please. (help)

11. Children, ___ in the street. There are a lot of cars! (not / play)

12. ___ careful! The floor is wet. (be)

Exercise 3: Build the Sentence

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **eat / in / library / don't / . / the**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **me / to / Sit / . / next**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **together / have / . / let's / lunch**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **at / right / bank / . / turn / the**

17. Put the words in the correct order: **here / your / . / write / name**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

18. The imperative uses the base verb, with no subject: 'Open the door.' True / False

19. For a negative imperative, we say 'No run.' True / False

20. 'Let's go' means you and me together. True / False

21. For one person, the imperative verb has -s: 'Sits down, Tom.' True / False

22. 'Please' can go at the start or at the end: 'Please sit down.' 'Sit down, please.' True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

1. a) Close
2. b) Don't
3. a) Let's
4. a) Be
5. a) use
6. a) Turn

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks

7. Open
8. Don't touch / Do not touch
9. Let's eat / Let us eat
10. help
11. don't play / do not play
12. Be

Exercise 3: Build the Sentence

13. Don't eat in the library.
14. Sit next to me.
15. Let's have lunch together.
16. Turn right at the bank.
17. Write your name here.

Exercise 4: True or False

18. True
19. False
20. True
21. False
22. True