

What is Imperative (Commands)?

Worksheet

The imperative is a grammatical mood used to give commands or instructions — it is the base form of the verb without a subject pronoun. Examples: 'Go!', 'Listen!', 'Close the door.' Imperatives are used for orders, requests, and instructions.

Questions

1. Choose the correct imperative form.
A) You go now!
B) Goes now!
C) Go now!
D) Going now!
2. Which is the correct negative imperative?
A) Do not going
B) Don't run
C) Does not run
D) Not running
3. What is missing? ____ the instructions carefully.
A) You read
B) Read
C) Reads
D) Reading
4. Which sentence is an imperative?
A) You close the door.
B) The door is closed.
C) Close the door!
D) The door closes.
5. Tell someone to sit down.
6. Give instructions for making tea.
7. Write a street sign instruction.
8. Define: What is the imperative?
9. Define: How do you form the imperative?
10. Define: What is a negative imperative?

Answer Key

1. C) Go now! — Imperatives use the base verb form without a subject pronoun.
2. B) Don't run — Negative imperatives use 'Don't + base verb': 'Don't run!'
3. B) Read — Imperatives have no subject pronoun. Just the base verb: 'Read'.
4. C) Close the door! — 'Close the door!' is a command — that's the imperative.
5. Positive: Sit down! Negative: Don't sit down! Polite: Please sit down.
6. Boil the water. Add the tea bag. Wait three minutes. Drink it.
7. Stop! Do not enter. Keep left.
8. A verb form used to give commands, instructions, or requests without a subject pronoun.
9. Use the base form of the verb: 'Go', 'Listen', 'Close' — no subject pronoun.
10. A command telling someone NOT to do something: 'Don't run!', 'Don't touch!'

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