

What is the Negative Imperative?

Worksheet

The negative imperative places 'ne' before the verb and 'pas' after it: ne parle pas, ne regardez pas, ne mangeons pas. The verb itself stays in the command form.

Questions

1. Which is the correct negative imperative for 'parler' (tu)?
A) Parle ne pas
B) Ne parle pas
C) Ne pas parle
D) Pas ne parle
2. Negative imperative of 'manger' (vous)?
A) Ne mangez pas
B) Mangez ne pas
C) Ne pas mangez
D) Pas mangez
3. Convert 'Regarde!' to negative (tu form).
A) Regarde ne pas
B) Ne regarde pas
C) Ne pas regarde
D) Pas regarde
4. In negative imperative, the verb form...
A) changes to infinitive
B) stays the same as affirmative
C) adds -e
D) becomes past participle
5. Write the negative imperative of 'parler' (to speak) for tu form.
6. Convert 'Regardez!' (vous form) to negative.
7. Make 'Mangeons!' (nous form) negative.
8. Define: How do you form the negative imperative?
9. Define: Negative imperative of 'parler' (tu)?
10. Define: Does the verb form change in negative imperative?

Answer Key

1. B) Ne parle pas — Negative imperative: ne + verb + pas. 'Ne parle pas' is correct.
2. A) Ne mangez pas — 'Ne mangez pas' — ne before vous form, pas after.
3. B) Ne regarde pas — 'Ne regarde pas' is the correct negative imperative.
4. B) stays the same as affirmative — The verb itself doesn't change; ne...pas just wraps around it.
5. Affirmative tu form: Parle! Negative: Ne parle pas!
6. Affirmative vous form: Regardez! Negative: Ne regardez pas!
7. Affirmative nous form: Mangeons! Negative: Ne mangeons pas!
8. Place 'ne' before the verb and 'pas' after: ne + verb + pas
9. Ne parle pas! (Don't speak!)
10. No — the verb stays the same; only ne...pas wraps around it.

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