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Imperatives

Take care! **Don't forget** to keep your money and passport safe! **Check** the windows and door before you sleep! **Give** Dad and me a call every day! **Have** a good trip!

Mum, **let** me go! The plane is going to depart soon!



Usage

Imperatives are the base forms of verbs. We usually put them at the beginning of a sentence to:

1. give orders.
2. give instructions.
3. give advice.
4. make offers.
5. make requests with the use of 'please'.

e.g. **Keep quiet!**

e.g. **Mix the egg and flour.**

e.g. **Bring an umbrella with you.**

e.g. **Try this coffee! It's freshly brewed.**

e.g. **Don't pollute the country park, please.**

Please **keep** the country park clean.

Stop!



Forms

We form the positive and negative forms of imperatives in the following ways:

Imperative	
Positive	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boil the beans now. • Read the instructions carefully, please. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not / Don't boil the beans! • Do not / Don't be noisy, please.



Educator's Tips



Don't use a subject with an imperative. We can add a noun or a pronoun with a comma **to tell whom we are speaking to**.

e.g. *Stand up, Edmond!* (You order Edmond to stand up.)

e.g. *Don't run, everyone.* (You ask everyone not to run.)

Exercise 1

Underline the imperatives in the following sentences.

1. Enjoy the picnic with your parents!
2. Fasten your seat belt, please.
3. I've made some hamburgers. Try them!
4. Do not do it again!
5. Don't be sad. You will get higher marks next time.
6. Hope for the best, everybody!



Exercise 2

Look at the signs. Form sentences using the words given. Change the verbs into their imperative form.

1.



not pick / flowers

2.



not feed / fish

3.



not step / grass

4.



not swim / pond

1. *Don't pick the flowers.*

2.

3.

4.

Unit Recap

Macy is reading a magazine article about hiking. Complete the article with the correct imperative form of the verbs given. Each verb can be used **ONCE** only.

bring	wear	tell	not drink	not overpack
check	plan	not hike	not smoke	not leave

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Useful Tips on Hiking

Autumn is coming. It's the best time of the year to go hiking with your friends and family! Bear the following tips in mind to make your hiking trip safe and fun!

- ◇ (1) _____ the weather report before you set off. Bad weather like heavy rain and typhoon can cause danger.
- ◇ (2) _____ your **route** carefully. A map and a compass are necessary.
- ◇ (3) _____ your family members or friends about your route and the time of return before the hike.
- ◇ (4) _____. Take only what you need.
- ◇ (5) _____ enough water with you. (6) _____ water from rivers, streams or waterfalls.
- ◇ (7) _____ suitable clothes like light-coloured T-shirts and hiking boots.
- ◇ (8) _____ alone. You'd better go with one or more **companions**.
- ◇ (9) _____ because smoking may cause hill fires.
- ◇ (10) _____ any rubbish on the hiking trail. Protect our nature.

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Vocabulary:

route (n.): the roads or paths to get from one place to another

companion (n.): someone who you spend time with or go somewhere with