

Imperative Verbs

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1 Grammar Notes

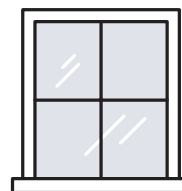
A. Intro

Imperative verbs are common in English. They are special because they don't need a subject! Imperative verbs are always in the **simple present tense**.

B. Pattern

With imperative verbs, the subject is always **you**, but it is hidden. We never say or write **you**. We only say or write the imperative verb. The verb is usually followed by a **noun object**, an **adjective**, or an **adverb**.

| Possible Patterns | |
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| Pattern | Example |
| V | Wait! |
| V + N | Open the window. |
| V + Adj | Be careful! |
| V + Adv | Sit quietly. |



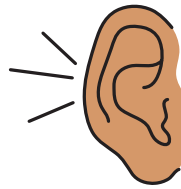
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C. Use

Imperative verbs are used to give **commands**, **warnings**, or **instructions**. For example, parents, teachers, police officers, and doctors often use imperative verbs.

Commands

- Listen!
- Be quiet!
- Do what I tell you.



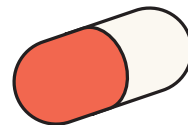
Warnings

- Keep out!
- Look out!
- Look before you cross the street.



Instructions

- Turn on your computer.
- Take a break.
- Take one pill twice a day.



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D. Form

Imperative verbs are very common in positive and negative sentences. Negative imperative verbs begin with **do not**, which is usually shortened to **don't**. They can also begin with the adverb **never**.

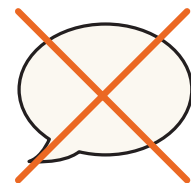
Positive Sentences

- **Do** your homework.
- **Eat** your dinner.
- **Ask** your father.



Negative Sentences

- **Don't** watch TV all night.
- **Do not** eat those berries!
- **Never** talk to strangers.



2 Who Says This?

Match each sentence with the person who would say it.


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|---|--|
| <p>1  doctor</p> | <p>a Don't run by the pool.</p> |
| <p>2  dentist</p> | <p>b Return these books in three weeks.</p> |
| <p>3  lifeguard</p> | <p>c Eat lots of vegetables.</p> |
| <p>4  teacher</p> | <p>d Don't leave any garbage on the bus.</p> |
| <p>5  firefighter</p> | <p>e Stop, drop, and roll.</p> |
| <p>6  librarian</p> | <p>f Don't chew gum in class.</p> |
| <p>7  police officer</p> | <p>g Don't speed while driving.</p> |
| <p>8  bus driver</p> | <p>h Brush your teeth three times a day.</p> |


3 Parent Talk

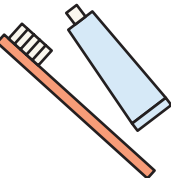
What would a parent say to a child?
Write imperative verbs in each sentence.


- Verbs:**
- brush
 - do
 - pick up
 - turn off
 - eat
 - go


Ex  Pick up your toys.

1  _____ the TV.

2  _____ your dinner.

3  _____ your teeth.






4  _____ your homework.

5  _____ to bed.

4 Pool Rules

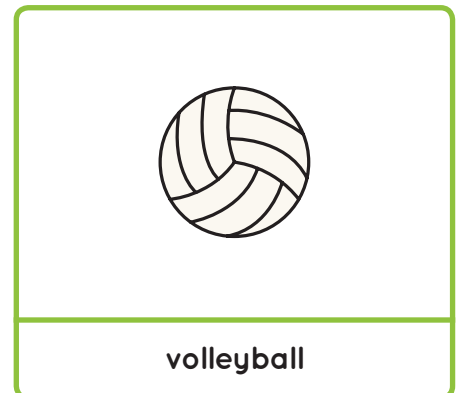
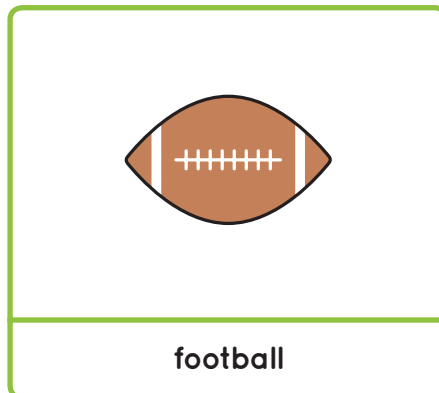
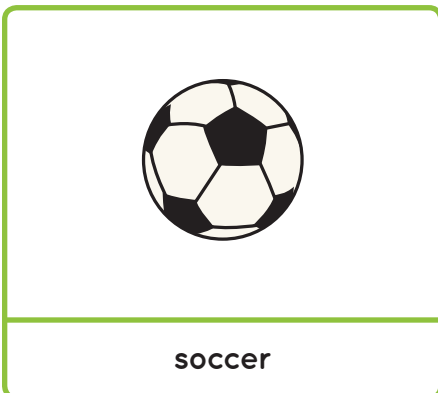
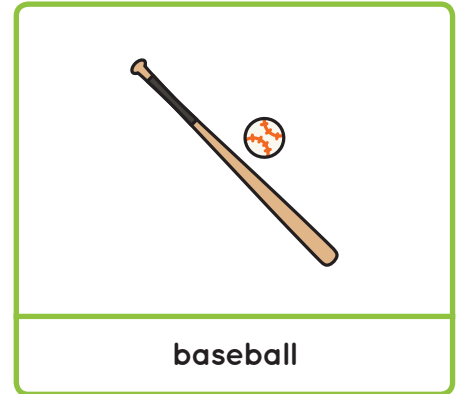
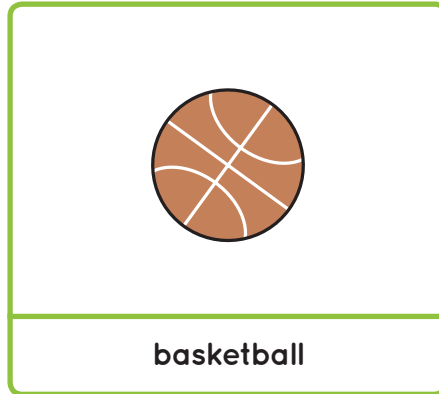
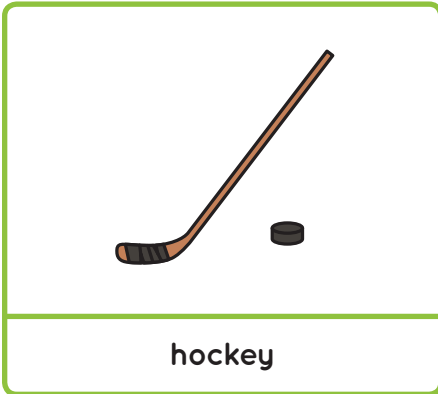
Listen to these pool rules and fill in the missing words.

Pool Rules

- 1  _____ on the pool deck.
- 2  _____ into the shallow end.
- 3  _____ glass to the pool area.
- 4  _____ right after eating.
- 5  _____ to shower before entering the pool.

5 Coach Talk

A. Sports



B. Complete the Sentences

What would a coach say to his or her team?
Complete the sentences on page 9 using imperative verbs.
Then write which sport(s) match each sentence.



6 Funny Friend Rules

With a partner, make up a list of 5 silly rules for your friends. Then share them with your classmates!

Ex Bring me chocolate every morning.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____