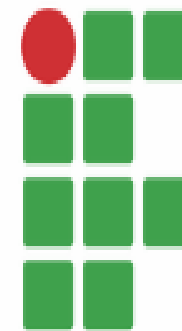


COMMANDS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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IMPERATIVE SENTENCES:

- Imperative sentences are one of the four sentence types (**declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamative**).
- The typical form (structure) of an English imperative sentence uses the base verb with no subject. In fact, many imperative sentences consist of nothing but the verb.
- Imperative sentences can be in **positive** or **negative** form, and can refer to **present or future time**.
- Normally when we use the imperative there is no subject because the subject is obvious—it's **YOU!** Sometimes, however, to **make the subject clear**, we do use a subject.

CULTURAL TIPS



- Speaking with imperatives could show a **wrong idea** about yourself;
- In some cultures, especially if the person is from abroad, speaking with imperatives can be really **rude** and **unpolite** – you could get communication problems.
- Avoid using imperatives unless you really need it.

CULTURAL TIPS



- Instead of saying...
- *Give me that leaflet.*

- You could say...
- *Would you give me that leaflet, please?*

CULTURAL TIPS



- Instead of saying...
- *Turn to page 144.*

- You could say...
- *Dear students, please, would you mind turning to page 144, please?*

CULTURAL TIPS



- Instead of saying...
- *Bring me a sandwich and a glass of water.*
- You could say...
- *I would like to have a sandwich and a glass of water, thank you.*

CULTURAL TIPS



- Instead of saying...
- *Come in and close the door.*
- You could say...
- *Good afternoon, please come in. Would you mind closing the door, please?*



IMPERATIVE – WE USE IT FOR GIVING...



Commands



Order



Advice



Instructions

SOME EXAMPLES



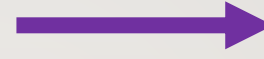
Command



Stop talking now!



Order



Bring me a sandwich, please.



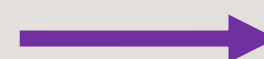
Instruction



Turn to page 144, please.



Advice



Do not come late for
Cristiane's class!



IMPERATIVE – WE USE IT
FOR GIVING...



Offer



Invitation



Suggestion

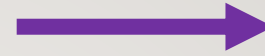


Request

SOME EXAMPLES



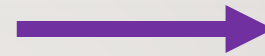
Suggestion



Enjoy your meal.



Request



Close the door, will you?



Offer



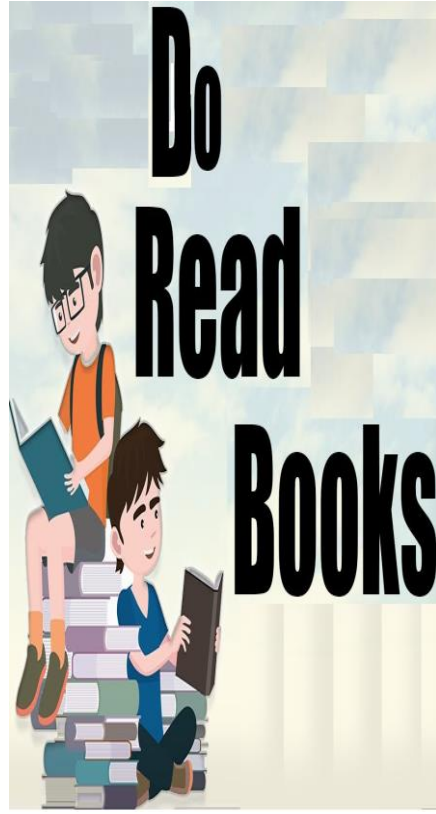
Have another piece of melon.



Invitation

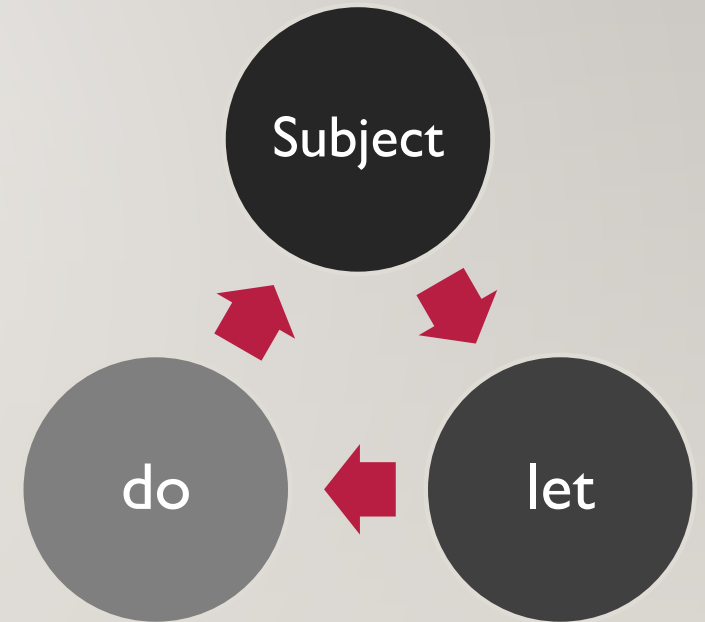


Please **stay** another night. You know you'll be most welcome.



LET'S
stay
HOME

IMPERATIVE WITH...



IMPERATIVE WITH SUBJECT:

Someone
Somebody
No one
Nobody
Everyone
Everybody
...



A: Can I leave the room? **B:** No. **You stay** here.

You go nowhere without me. Take my hand right now.

Somebody call a doctor. Quick!

Everybody sit down, please.

Someone come here and help me, please.

Nobody pass here, it's too dangerous!

John sit down; the rest of **you go** home.

Somebody answer the phone!

You keep out of this!

You watch your mouth, young man!

You be quiet!

Don't you talk to me like that!

Do come to my party next Saturday. Will you?

IMPERATIVE WITH **DO**:

Do start the exercise right now. Otherwise you won't have time enough to do it.

Do bring them home before 10p.m., please.

Do get out of my way! Right now!



Let me be clear to you: you will not succeed!

Let's start at nine-thirty tomorrow, please. Okay?

Let us begin by welcoming our new members.

IMPERATIVE WITH LET'S / LET:

I – me

You – ~~you~~

He – him

She – her

It – it

We – us

They – them



I can't find my keys. **Let's see**, where did I last have them? (or **Let me see**, ...)

A: Shall we stop now and have a coffee break?

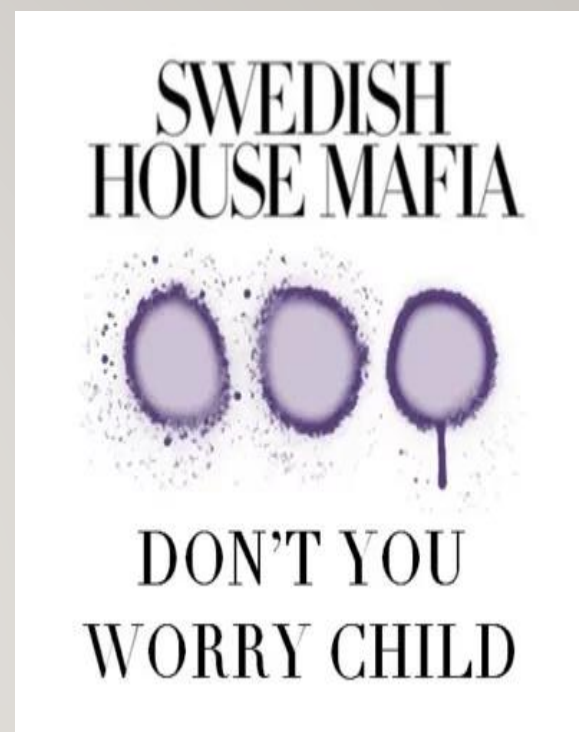
B: **Let's.**

A: How will Patrick know which house is ours?

B: **Let him knock** on all the doors until he finds ours!

Let ~~you~~

NEGATIVE
IMPERATIVE:



NEGATIVE
IMPERATIVE:

DON'T LET
THE SUN
GO DOWN
ON ME

George Michael & Elton John



Don't let
the muggles
get you
Down.



Karafun

you worry 'bout it

Don't You Worry
'Bout A Thing
John Legend

THE BEATLES

DON'T LET
ME DOWN

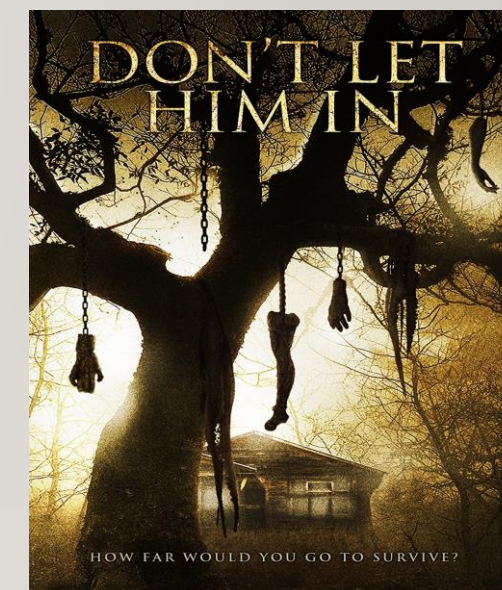
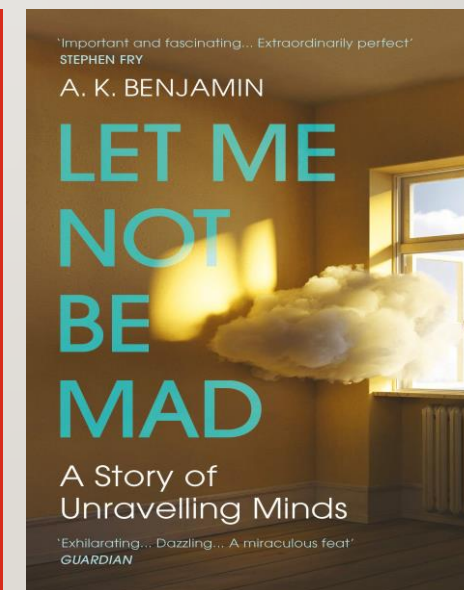


DO NOT GO
GENTLE INTO
THAT GOOD NIGHT.
RAGE
RAGE AGAINST
THE DYING OF
THE LIGHT.

Should I sink or
Don't you worry if I
disappear..
disappear?

[Sleepwalking, Bring Me The Horizon]

NEGATIVE
IMPERATIVE:



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OBRIGADA!

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