



The imperative

> Imperatives are used to issue **commands**. They use the **infinitive** of verbs (dropping the word "to"); in the first person plural ("we"), the infinitive is preceded by "**let's**" (or: "**let us**");

- **Speak!**
- **Finish your homework!**
- **Let's eat!**
- **Close the door!**

> The negative imperative is formed by placing "**don't**" (or "**do not**") before the imperative form; in the first person plural one uses "**let's not**" (or "**let us not**") :

- **Let's not forget** who helped us.
- **Don't leave** me!
- **Don't walk** on the grass!
- Please **don't eat** the daisies!

> The imperative has no effect on the word order of the rest of the sentence.



TEST – Find the imperative forms of these phrases:

- 1) you / go to the supermarket.
- 2) we / have a drink
- 3) you / not to smoke
- 4) we / not to take the car

ANSWERS 1. Go to the supermarket! 2. Let's have a drink! 3. Don't smoke! 4. Let's not take the car. (We'll go there by bus).