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.)