



The Imperative — A1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. ____ the door, please. It's cold in here.
A) You close B) Closing C) Close D) To close
2. ____ worry — everything is under control.
A) Not B) Don't C) No D) Doesn't
3. ____ left at the traffic lights, then go straight on.
A) Turn B) Turning C) You turn D) Turns
4. ____ go to the cinema this evening.
A) Let's B) Lets us to C) We let D) Let us to
5. Which sentence is a correct negative imperative?
A) Not touch that. B) Doesn't touch that. C) No touching that you. D) Don't touch that.
6. ____ me the salt, please.
A) To pass B) Passing C) You passing D) Pass
7. ____ quiet! The baby is sleeping.
A) Being B) Are C) You are D) Be
8. ____ forget to lock the door when you leave.
A) Not B) No C) Don't D) Doesn't
9. ____ the eggs and the flour in a large bowl.
A) Mixing B) You mix C) Mix D) To mix
10. Which sentence gives a polite instruction?
A) Please sit down. B) Sit down you. C) To sit down please. D) Sitting down please.

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. _____ down and make yourself comfortable.
2. _____ be late — the film starts at eight sharp.
3. _____ right at the church and the museum is on your left.

4. _____ have a coffee before the meeting.
5. Please _____ off your phones during the performance.
6. _____ quiet, please — the exam has started.
7. _____ forget your umbrella. It's going to rain.
8. _____ the milk to the pan and stir for two minutes.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. window. / the / Please / close

Ask somebody politely to shut something.

2. the / paint. / wet / Don't / touch

Warn somebody away from a freshly painted surface.

3. corner. / next / at / left / the / Turn

Give a driver a direction.

4. for / Let's / go / a / walk.

Suggest an activity that includes you both.

5. quiet / Be / library. / in / the

Tell somebody how to behave in a public building.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **C) Close** — The imperative uses the base verb with no subject and no to.
2. **B) Don't** — A negative imperative is formed with don't plus the base verb, whoever you are speaking to.
3. **A) Turn** — Directions are given in the imperative: turn, take, go, cross.
4. **A) Let's** — Let's plus the base verb is how English makes a suggestion including yourself.
5. **D) Don't touch that.** — Don't is the only negative imperative marker in English, and the verb after it stays bare.
6. **D) Pass** — A request at the table uses the imperative softened by please.
7. **D) Be** — The imperative of be is simply be — the only irregular verb whose imperative surprises learners.
8. **C) Don't** — Don't forget is one of the most common negative imperatives in English.
9. **C) Mix** — Recipes are written entirely in the imperative: mix, add, bake, serve.
10. **A) Please sit down.** — Please plus the base verb is the standard polite imperative in English.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **Sit** — The imperative is the base verb with no subject in front of it.
2. **Don't** — The negative imperative of be still needs don't in front of it.
3. **Turn** — Directions in English are given entirely in the imperative.
4. **Let's** — Let's makes a suggestion that includes the speaker, and is followed by the base verb.
5. **switch** — Please softens the imperative; the verb itself stays in its base form.
6. **Be** — The imperative of be is simply be, with nothing added.
7. **Don't** — Don't forget is one of the commonest negative imperatives in everyday English.
8. **Add** — Recipe instructions are written in the imperative throughout.

C. Sentence building

1. **Please close the window.**
2. **Don't touch the wet paint.**
3. **Turn left at the next corner.**
4. **Let's go for a walk.**
5. **Be quiet in the library.**