

The imperative

The imperative form is the same as the *bare infinitive*. It has only one form for both second person singular and plural '*you*'

Examples:

- *hurry up*; you'll be late
- *go out* immediately

In the negative form you add '*do not*' or '*don't*'

Examples:

- *Don't disturb* me; I'm working.
- *Do not smoke!*

Use of the imperative

You can use the imperative to give instructions, commands, advice or to invite:

1. To give instructions

- *Push* the button
- *Turn* left

2. To give commands

- *Stop* saying nonsense
- *Don't lie.*

3. To give advice

- *Go* to hospital; you are ill
- *Don't forget to take your passport with you*

4. To invite

- Please, *come* to the party
- *Have* a drink

Exercise: Put the words in brackets into the gaps. Mind the positive or the negative forms.

- (to go) upstairs.
- (not/ to swim) in this lake.
- (to do) your homework.
- (to brush)..... your teeth.
- (not / to talk) during the lesson.
- (not / to feed) the animals in the zoo.
- (to read) the instructions.
- (not / to be) late for school.
- (to switch off) your mobiles.