Imperative - Classroom instructions

The Imperative can be used in different situations:

- To give orders. E.g.: Sit down!
- To give instructions. E.g.: Push the red button and wait three seconds.
- To ask someone to do or not to do something. E.g.: Please, close the door.
- To make suggestions.
 E.g.: Let's go to the cinema. (Let's = Let us)

- In the IMPERATIVE the person is not usually mentioned.
- In the negative form we put don't before the main verb.

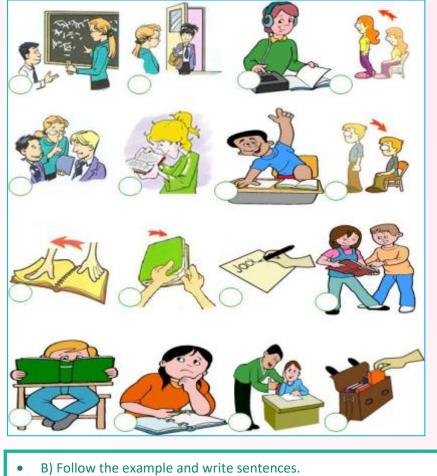
E.g.: **Don't** open the window.

- Let's is always followed by the **infinitive**. E.g.: Let's **play**.
- We can make the imperative 'more polite' by adding do.
 E.g.: Do be quiet.

Classroom Instructions



• Match the classroom instructions in the box with the pictures.



1. Please, clean the board.

2. Close the door, please.

3. Listen

4. Stand up

5. Open your book on page33

6. Could you please stop talking?

7. Close your book.

8. Write your name

9. Read the page 32.

10. Study the lesson.

11. Think before your answer the question

12. Pay attention!

13. Take out your books.

14. Sit down, please

15. Work in pairs.

16. Answer the question, please!

Example:

Mark wants to play football with Joe.

Mark : Let's play football.

Mary wants to go to the cinema with her friends.

Mary : _____

Mr. Smith wants to go to the mountains with his family.

Mr. Smith ______

Bruce wants to do his homework with Sue.

Bruce: _____

Read the sentences and decide if they are order, instructions or suggestions.

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2. Let's go to the cinema this weekend.

3. It's cold I the classroom, close the window, please._____.

4. Clean up this mess! ______.

5. Press the red button and wait 2 minutes. ______.

6. Pick up the receiver and then dial the number. ______.

7. Open your books on page 10. ______.

Imagine you are a teacher. Give some instructions to your students.