

Imperative Mood

What Is the Imperative Mood? (with Examples)

The imperative mood is a verb form that gives a command. For example:

- Empty the bin, John.
(This is a verb in the imperative mood.)
- John empties the bin.
(This verb is not in the imperative mood. It is in the indicative mood.)

Commands can include orders, requests, advice, instructions, and warnings.

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a verb form that makes a command (including orders, requests, advice, instructions, and warnings)

1 to make an order

Leave now!



2 to make a request

Please print me a copy.



3 to give advice

Try before you buy.



4 to give instructions

Turn left then right.



5 to issue a warning

Duck!



! = strong command

. = mild command

The Indicative Mood

The indicative mood states facts or asks questions. For example:

- I am painting the fence.
- Are you painting the fence?

The Imperative Mood

The imperative mood expresses a command or a request. For example:

- Paint the fence!
- Please paint the fence.