

IMPERATIVE

- USE

- For orders and commands. Not to be used with adults, only with OUR kids or pets.

- Ex. Fetch! / Sit! / Roll over! / Play dead!

- STRUCTURE

- Positive: Bare infinitive + object/adverb/adjective

- Ex. Be nice / Come in / Open it

- Negative: Don't + bare infinitive + object/adverb/adjective

- Ex. Don't smoke / Don't go there

- WHEN TO USE THE IMPERATIVE

- Emergencies: Watch out! / Be careful!

- Authorities: Port arms / Rest / March double time

- Instructions: Open your book / Turn on the device

- Advice: Eat an apple a day / Don't eat fast food

- IMPORTANT NOTES

- We CANNOT translate from Spanish.

- It is rude to use it among adults.

- ALTERNATIVES

- Please take a seat

- Please be quiet

- Please hang on / hold on

- Can you open the window please?

- Can I have some water please?

- Can I take your full name?

- Kindly confirm your personal data

- Let's calm down

- Let's not argue

- Shall we have some peace and quiet?