**L’Impératif**

Affirmative Imperatives

The imperative or command is the same form as the second person singular (tu) and the first and second person plural (nous and vous) forms of the verb without the pronoun. For –ER verbs, the “s” is dropped from the second person singular to form the imperative.

**Parler Finir Attendre**

Parle! *Speak!* Finis! *Finish*! Attends! *Wait!*

Parlons! *Let’s speak!* Finissons! *Let’s finish!* Attendons! *Let’s wait!*

Parlez! *Speak!* Finissez! *Finish!* Attendez! *Wait!*

The imperative of être is irregular.

**Être**

Sois!

Soyons!

Soyez!

**Exercice 1: Write the imperative forms for each of the following. (formal)**

1. Parler français 3. Prendre le déjeuner
2. Choisir un livre 4. Suivre la rue

**Exercice 2: Give your friend advice. (informal)**

1. Faire les devoirs 3. Venir à classe à l’heure
2. Être attentive 4. Étudier chaque jour

**Exercice 3: Say that you agree with your friend’s suggestions for weekend plans. Follow the model.**

**On regarde la télévision? D’accord, regardons la télévision.**

1. On fait une promenade dans le parc? 3. On va au cinéma?
2. On part à sept heures? 4. On prend un verre au café?

The Negative Imperative

The imperative is made negative by placing **ne** or **n’** before the imperative form of the verb and **pas** after it.

*Affirmative Negative*

Travaille! **Ne** travaille **pas**!

Écoute! N’écoute **pas**!

**Exercice 4: Rewrite the following imperatives in the negative.**

1. Parlez!  3. Soyez en retard!
2. Travaille!  4. Restons ici!

The Affirmative Imperative of Reflexive Verbs

In the affirmative imperative, the reflexive pronoun follows the verb and is joined to it by a hyphen. Note the **te** changes to **toi** in the affirmative imperative.

Lève-toi! *Get up!*

Levons-nous! *Let’s get up!*

Levez-vous! *Get up!*

**Exercice 5: Follow the model. Se coucher/vous Couchez-vous!**

1. Se réveiller/tu 3. S’habiller vite/tu
2. Se dépêcher/nous 4. S’amuser/vous

The negative imperative of reflexive verbs

In the negative imperative of reflexive verbs, the reflexive pronoun precedes the verb.

*Affirmative Negative*

Réveille-toi! Ne te réveille pas!

Réveillons-nous! Ne nous réveillons pas!

Réveillez-vous! Ne vous réveillez pas!

**Exercice 6: Change the affirmative commands to negative.**

1. Couche-toi! 3. Promenons-nous dans le parc!
2. Habille-toi! 4. Brossez-vous les dents!