

L'IMPÉRATIF

WHAT IS THE IMPERATIVE

When telling someone what to do, or giving a direct command or advice.

Fais de l'exercice!
Exercise!

Choisissons un sport actif!
Let's choose an active sport!

Restez hydratés!
Stay hydrated!

NOTE: The imperative has just 3 conjugated forms (tu, nous, vous)

HOW TO FORM THE IMPERATIVE

The formation of l'impératif is generally the same as the regular conjugations of the je, nous, or vous forms in the present tense, without the subject.

example: manger

Present Tense

*Je mange
Nous mangeons
Vous mangez*

Imperative

*Mange!
Mangeons!
Mangez!*

NOTE: You need to review all your verb conjugations, especially the irregular ones (faire, prendre, choisir...)

THE IMPERATIVE IN THE NEGATION

To tell someone not to do something, place "ne pas" around the verb.

*Ne dors pas!
Don't sleep!*

*Ne prenons pas de boissons sucrées.
Let's not have sugary drinks.*

*N'utilisez pas votre portable.
Don't use your cell phone.*

NOTE: The exclamation point is not always necessary.