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## Explanations

### Situations

We use imperatives to give orders, instructions and directions. They are also used to give advice and make requests in informal English.

### Orders

We give an order when we tell someone to do something.

*Stand up! Stop talking!*

### Instructions

Instructions tell us how to do something.

*Press escape to cancel.*

*Choose the most suitable word for each space.*

### Directions

Directions are instructions for finding places.

*Turn right at the bank.*

*Go straight on.*

### Informal

In informal situations it isn't necessary to be polite.

### Advice/Requests

*Pass the salt.*

*Don't buy that one.*

### Examples

*Stop! Listen!*

*Don't stop! Don't  
listen! Come*

*Go away! Sit down!*

*back! Stand up!*

*Come here!*

*Go over there!*