



Module: English

Branch: International Trade

Level: Third year Bachelor

Lecture 02: The imperative

➤ Definition of imperative:

They are verbs used to give orders, commands, warnings or instructions, and if you use (Please!) to make a request. It is one of the three moods of an English verb (Indicative, imperative, and subjunctive). **Eg:**

Go ahead ! Turn right

➤ The different uses of the imperative form:

- ❖ To make the imperative, use the infinitive of the verb without (To).

Eg: Give me that tape please!

- ❖ Use the imperative to give a direct order.

Eg: Come here, Sit down

- ❖ We can use the imperative to give instructions.

Eg: Open your book, Take two tablets every evening

- ❖ Use the imperative to make an invitation.

Eg: Come in and sit down, Make yourself at home/ Please start without me, I will be there soon.

- ❖ We can use the imperative on signs and notices.

Eg: Push, Do not use, Insert one Dollar

- ❖ Use the imperative to give friendly informal advice.

Eg: Speak to him, tell him how you feel / Have a quiet word with her about it

- ❖ We can make the imperative more polite by adding (To do)

Eg: Do be polite, do come, do sit down

➤ Exercise 1: Complete these statements with the appropriate word

- 1) Do not.....rubbish on the floor
- 2) Be.....in the library

- 3) Do not.....in the corridor
- 4) Say “Thank you”, be.....
- 5) “Shut up” is not polite. It isto say “Shut up”
sists of girls and women.