

THE IMPERATIVE FORM AND POLITE REQUEST

In Sam Smith's song, you can
Hear "*Stay with me*"



Now, study these examples



These are two road signs:

- 1.- "Stop"
- 2.- "Do not enter"

Estos son dos casos claros de imperativo.

1.- ¿Para qué se utiliza?

- a) Para dar órdenes.
- b) "*Open your book on page 14*"
- c) Para animar a alguien a hacer algo.
"*Try this food*",
"*show us your talent*"
- d) Para invitar, aconsejar, sugerir
"*Don't worry, be happy*"

2.- ¿Cómo se forma?

El imperativo, como en español, sólo se utiliza para la segunda persona (singular y plural).
Para formarlo, sigue estos pasos:

- a) Elige el infinitivo que quieres usar. TO GO
- b) Quítale el To. ~~TO~~ GO. (*go home!* = ve/id a casa)
- c) No utilices ningún sujeto (you)
- d) La negativa se forma poniendo do not / don't delante. *Don't go!*

POLITE REQUEST (petición educada)

Study this situation:



*It's very cold here. **Will you** close the windows, please?*

There are some ways to express polite requests

Will you.....? *Will you do the shopping for me, please?*

Can you.....? *Can you do the shopping for me, please?*

Would you mind + Ving?

Would you mind doing the shopping for me, please?

Would you...? (more formal)

Would you do the shopping for me, please?

Could you.....? (more formal)

Could you do the shopping for me, please?

EXERCISES

1.- Mark is a nice boss. He's always very polite in his requests. This is how he asks his PA (personal assistant) to do things:

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1.- Mark: Rachel, will you type this letter, please?

2.- Mark: Rachel, would you mind typing this letter, please?

3.- Mark: Rachel, could you type this letter, please?

BUSY MORNING: These are some things Marks needs from his PA. Write Mark's request by using the word in brackets.

Example: **buy some stamps (will)**

Will you buy some stamps, please?

- Phone the bank
- Buy the newspaper.
- Post these letters.
- Turn on the heating
- Make an appointment with the lawyer
- Pay the phone bill.
- Print this handout.
- Water the plants
- Come to work earlier tomorrow
- Translate this letter.
- Buy two plane tickets to Manchester.
- Sign this document
- Answer this letter.

Interactive activity: http://bit.ly/GALILEO_GALILEI_STAY_WTH_ME

"Practice makes perfect."