

1 Explain to another student what happens to pronouns when they are used in conjunction with the imperative. Write the rule for yourself first.

2 Write a–e in French.

a Don't write him a letter! Send him an email instead! (Use *tu*.)

b Follow me! Let's go! (Use *vous*.) _____

c Come to see us soon! (Use *vous*.) _____

d Don't ask him for money! (Use *tu*.) _____

e Do as you are told! (Give two answers, one for *tu* and one for *vous*.)

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Turn 2e around to say 'Do what they tell you', using *on*. See page 22 for more on the passive.

3 Write the English for a–e.

a N'aie pas peur! Vas-y! _____

b Ne sois pas têtu! Ecoute ce qu'on te dit!

c Sachons réagir en cas d'urgence.

d Allez! Ne soyez pas difficile! _____

e Sois prudent et rentre à l'heure! _____

4 Make these sentences negative.

a Asseyez-vous! _____

b Rencontrons-nous devant la porte!

c Couche-toi de bonne heure! _____

d Rase-toi la tête! _____

e Mettez-vous au travail! _____

5 On a separate sheet of paper, give five pieces of advice on road safety to French children.

Example: *Marchez à gauche.*

Grammaire

The imperative is used to give commands ('Do this!' 'Don't do that!') or to make suggestions ('Let's do this.').

Use the *tu*, *vous* or *nous* forms of the present tense without the word *tu*, *vous* or *nous*. With *-er* verbs, you also remove the *-s* of the *tu* form: *Regarde!*

The imperative with pronouns – study these examples:

Regarde-moi! Ne me regarde pas!

Ecoute-le! Ne l'écoute pas!

Donne-lui Ne lui donne pas de l'argent! d'argent!

Allons-y! N'y allons pas!

Note these irregular imperatives:

avoir: aie – ayons – ayez

être: sois – soyons – soyez

vouloir: veuille – veuillons – veuillez

savoir: sache – sachons – sachez

The imperative of *aller* in the *tu* form is *va*, but the final *-s* is retained before *y*: *Vas-y!* (Go on!)

Reflexive verbs require the reflexive pronoun after the verb:

lève-toi – levons-nous – levez-vous

... unless the command is negative:

ne te lève pas – ne nous levons pas – ne vous levez pas