THE IMPERATIVE

The imperative is a grammatic form expressing an order. We use „orders“ only in situations, where we speak with someone, that´s why:

We use the imperative only for **the second person of singular and plural.**

For instance**:**

*STUDUJ* = study!!! – *informal form* *STUDUJTE* = study!!! – *formal form or plural*

Theoretically it is possible to form also the first person of plural: STUDUJME = let´s study!,

but this form is bookish and we don´t use it.

To form the imperative you need to know the conjugation of verbs, especially the third person of plural. The ending drops out and you are left with the stem.

Endings of the third person forms can be:

**-ou**

e.g.studovat – studuj**ou** / – they study

pracovat – pracujou/ – they work

**-í**

e.g.spát – sp**í** / – they slep

**-ají**

e.g.dělat – děl**ají** / – they do

sundat si – sund**ají** si / – they take off

The endings drops off 🡲 stem:

Studu**j**

**Sp**

**Děl**

You have **to count the number of consonants before the end of the stem.**

* **1 consonant – the 1st group** – imperative endings **-0, -TE**

Studuj -0! Studuj -**te**!

Pracuj -0! Pracujte -**te**!

* **2 consonants – the 2nd group** – imperative endings **-I, -ĚTE**

Sp -**i**! Sp -**ěte**!

* **The 3rd person of pl. – ending – AJÍ** – the 3d group – imperative endings **-EJ, -EJTE**

Děl -**ej**! Děl -**ejte**!

Sund -**ej** si! Sund -**ejte** si!

**Irregular imperative forms:**

Být ( to be) BUĎ! BUĎTE!

Jít (to go) BĚŽ! BĚŽTE! (or regular JDI! JDĚTE!)

Dát (to give) Dej! Dejte!

Brát (to take) BER! BERTE!

Přijít (to come) PŘIJĎ! PŘIJĎTE!

Jíst (to eat) JEZ! JEZTE!

Sníst(to eat – perf.) SNĚZ! SNĚZTE!

Mít (to have) MĚJ! MĚJTE!

Psát (to write) PIŠ! PIŠTE!

Napsat(to write perf.) NAPIŠ! NAPIŠTE!

Vrátit (se) (to return) VRAŤ (SE)! VRAŤTE (SE)!

Pomoct (to help) POMOZ / POMOŽ! POMOZTE / POMOŽTE!

Ukázat (to show) UKAŽ! UKAŽTE!

**Remember also forms:**

Pojď / pojďte dál! – Come in!

Pojď / pojďte sem! – Come here!

Pojď / pojďte se mnou! – Come with me!

BUT!

Pojď / pojďte (do kina)! – Let´s go (to the cinema)!

Imperatives for **the third person of sg. and pl. are made by auxilliary AŤ:**

Ať studuje! – Let him / her study! Ať studujou! – Let them study!

Ať mi pomůže! – Let him / her help me! Ať mi pomůžou! – Let them help me!

**We can create also**

**"Polite orders":**

Můžeš/můžete mi pomoct? – Can you help me?

Mohl/a bys/byste mi pomoct? – Could you help me?

Remember

Word **"PROSÍM"** makes every order polite: Prosím vás, otevřete okno!