


The Imperative – L'Impératif

The imperative, called **impératif** in French, is the tense used to give orders and advice.

It's used the same way as in English. **AUDIO 34.1** 

Mange	Eat
Dors	Sleep
Attends	Wait

The **impératif** is only used with **tu**, **nous** and **vous**.

Building the Imperative

To form the **impératif**, take the verb conjugated in the present tense with **tu**, **nous** and **vous**, and don't use the subject pronouns.


Verbs ending in **-er** and other verbs that end in **-es** in the **tu** form, only take **-e** with **tu**, without the **s**.

Regarder To look **AUDIO 34.2** 

Present tense	Imperative	
Tu regardes	Regarde	Look
Nous regardons	Regardons	Let's look
Vous regardez	Regardez	Look

Finir To finish **AUDIO 34.3** 

Present tense	Imperative	
Tu finis	Finis	Finish
Nous finissons	Finissons	Let's finish
Vous finissez	Finissez	Finish

Attendre To wait **AUDIO 34.4** 

Present tense	Imperative	
Tu attends	Attends	Wait
Nous attendons	Attendons	Let's wait
Vous attendez	Attendez	Wait


Verbs with a spelling change conserve it in the **impératif**.

Changeons - Appelle - Achète - ...

Only **avoir**, **être**, **savoir** and **vouloir** are irregular. The only form used for **vouloir** is **Veillez**.


Avoir To have

Aie
Ayons
Ayez

AUDIO 34.5 

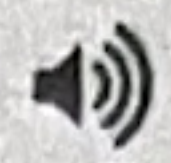
Être To be

Sois
Soyons
Soyez

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Savoir To know

Sache
Sachons
Sachez

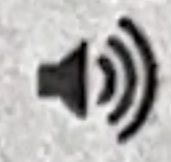
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Vouloir To want

Veuille
Veillons
Veillez

AUDIO 34.8 

EX. 9.1 *Conjugez les verbes suivants à l'impératif.*

AUDIO 34.9 


Jeter

Dire

Prendre

Tenir

EX. 9.2 *Traduisez ces phrases en français en utilisant tu.*

AUDIO 34.10 

1. Come here! _____
2. Be here! _____
3. Look! _____
4. Leave! _____
5. Listen! _____
6. Call! _____
7. Read! _____
8. Take! _____
9. Close the door! _____
10. Turn off the TV! _____