

THE SYNTAX OF IMPERATIVES

The imperative clause is one of three major sentence types that have been found to be universal across the languages of the world. Compared to declaratives and interrogatives, the imperative type has received diverse analyses in the literature. This cutting-edge study puts forward a new linguistic theory of imperatives, arguing that categories of the speech act, specifically Speaker and Addressee, are conceptually necessary for an adequate syntactic account. The book offers compelling empirical and descriptive evidence by surveying new typological data in the critical assessment of competing hypotheses towards an indexical syntax of human language. An engaging read for students and researchers interested in linguistics, philosophy, and the syntax of language.

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Abbreviations

A	Absolutive agreement
AA	Allocutive agreement
ABS	Absolutive case
ACC	Accusative
AND	Conjunction
AUX	Auxiliary
COMP	Complementizer
D	Dative agreement
DAT	Dative case
E	Ergative agreement
ERG	Ergative case
ETH.DAT	Ethical dative
FEM	Feminine
FUT	Future
GER	Gerund
IND	Indicative
INF	Infinitive
IMP	Imperative
IMPF	Imperfective
INSTR	Instrumental
MASC	Masculine
NEG	Negation
NOM	Nominative
PART	Partitive
PAST	Past
PER	Perfective
PRED	Pre-dative
PRES	Present
PROG	Progressive
PROH	Prohibitive
PL	Plural
Q	Question marker

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SG	Singular
SUBJ	Subjunctive
THV	Thematic vowel
VOSEO	<i>Voseo</i> form