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### Imperatives

Imperative sentences usually occur in speech acts such as orders, requests and pleas. However, they are also used to give advice, and to grant permission, and are sometimes found in advertisements, good wishes and conditional constructions. Yet, the relationship between the form of imperatives and the wide range of speech acts in which they occur remains unclear, as do the ways in which semantic theory should handle imperatives.

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## Abbreviations and notation

- #: pragmatic unacceptability
- ?: semantic unacceptability
- \*: syntactic unacceptability
- 1: first person
- 2: second person
- 3: third person
- A: addressee
- ABL.: ablative case
- ACC.: accusative case
- ACT.: active voice
- ACTN: action
- ADE.: adessive
- AUX.: auxiliary
- CAUS.: causative
- CG: common ground
- CLASS.: classifier
- COND.: conditional
- CONV.: converb
- DAT.: dative case
- DET.: determinant
- DIM.: diminutive
- DIR.: directional aspect
- DUAL: dual number
- EXCL.: exclusive
- FEM.: feminine gender
- FUT.: future tense

GEN.: genitive case  
ILCs: imperative-like conditionals  
IMP.: imperative mood  
IMPFV.: imperfective  
INCL.: inclusive  
IND.: indicative mood  
INF.: infinitive  
MAN.: manner  
MOD.: modal  
NEG.: negation  
NET.: neutral gender  
NON-PAST: non-past tense  
NP: nominal phrase  
OPT.: optative mood  
PART.: particle  
PARTP.: participle  
PASS.: passive voice  
PAST: past tense  
PERM.: permission  
PFV.: perfective  
PL.: plural  
PR.: pronoun  
PRS.: present tense  
PRTV.: partitive  
REFL.: reflexive  
RT: relevance theory  
S: speaker  
SBJV.: subjunctive mood  
SG.: singular  
SPCF.: specific  
ST: state  
TEMP.: temporal  
VP: verbal phrase