



L'Impératif - The Imperative





Class Objective

To learn how to use imperative mood in French



Concept A: What is the Imperative mood?

- The imperative mood is that form of the verb that is used without
- subject, primarily to give an order or to make a request.
- The Imperative mood is used to:
 - a. Give orders
 - b. Make requests
 - c. Express desires
 - d. Make suggestions
 - e. Prohibit actions



Concept B: The conjugations of imperative mood:

- 1. The imperative mood is used with
 - a. First-person plural (we nous)
 - b. Second-person singular (you tu)
 - c. Second-person plural (you-vous)
 - 2. For most of the verbs, the present tense of the indicative is used to express the imperative mood too.



Concept B: The conjugations of imperative mood:

- 3. For regular ER verbs, the only difference is in the conjugation of second-person singular; the "s" is dropped from the conjugation. For example "tu parles" becomes - parles - "parle".
- 4. Some verbs such as être, avoir, aller, savoir, and vouloir have completely different conjugation.
- 5. The conjugations of some of the verbs are as below:



Concept B: The conjugations of imperative mood:

Subject	Regular "er" verbs	Other irregular common verbs			Other verbs		
	Parler	Aller	Être	Avoir	Faire	Prendre	Finir
Tu	parle	vas	sois	aie	fais	prends	finis
Vous	parlez	allez	soyez	ayez	faites	prenez	finissez
Nous	parlons	allons	soyons	ayons	faisons	prenons	finissons



