Imperative Sentences

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: An **imperative sentence** is a **command** or request. It tells someone to do something. The subject *you* is hidden: *(You) Wash your hands.* It ends with a **period**, or an **exclamation mark** if it is urgent: *Stop!*

Remember all four: a **statement** tells (.), a **question** asks (?), a **command** tells someone to do something (. or !), and an **exclamation** shows strong feeling (!).

1. Is it a command?

Circle **yes** if it is a command, or **no** if it is not.



1	Wash your hands before you eat.	yes	no
2	I washed my hands.	yes	no
3	Please pass the salt.	yes	no
4	Can you pass the salt?	yes	no
5	Stop at the red light!	yes	no
6	The light turned red.	yes	no

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2. Write commands

Follow each instruction. End with a period, or an exclamation mark if it is urgent.

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Answer Key

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Answers will vary. These are examples.

1. Tell a friend how to start making a sandwich.
   Put two slices of bread on a plate.
2. Tell your class how to line up.
   Stand in a straight line behind the door.
3. Give a warning to someone near a hot stove.
   Don't touch the stove!
4. Ask politely for help.
   Please help me carry these books.