 **L’IMPERATIF: The Imperative (Commands)**

*How do we make commands & suggestions?*

1. ***Non-reflexive verbs***
2. **To make commands**

Use the TU and VOUS forms of a verb in the present tense, but DROP the word tu/vous!

* + For **–er** verbs, **DROP** the **s** of the ***tu*** form.

Regarde! Faites le plein!

Mets de l’huile dans le moteur! Vérifiez la pression des pneus !

1. **To make suggestions**

Do the same thing as above, only with the NOUS form of the verb.

Allons à Bruxelles! Tournons à droite!

1. ***Reflexive verbs***



* + In a **POSITIVE** command or suggestion, put the reflexive pronoun **AFTER** the verb.

Put a hyphen between the verb and the pronoun.

**NOTE**: “te/t’” changes to “toi” in these commands.

Grouille-toi! Lave-toi! Dépêchons-nous!

* + In a **NEGATIVE** command or suggestion, the reflexive pronoun stays in its normal place.

Ne vous inquiétez pas ! Ne t’amuse pas !

1. ***Être is special*** (Isn’t it always?)

While almost all verbs follow the above patterns, *être* has irregular imperative forms:

**Sois** gentil! **Soyez** patients! **Soyons** à l’heure!

**Be** nice! **Be** patient! **Let’s be** on time!