

Pre-Intermediate 2
Unit 3 Grammar
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Reporting Imperatives

Imperative = a sentence which is a command or an order

Examples: *Open the door! Close your books!*

Reported Speech = saying what someone else said directly or indirectly

There are two types of reported speech:

- **Direct Speech**
- **Indirect Speech**

Examples for Reporting Imperatives:

The teacher said (to the students), "Study hard!" → **Direct Speech**

✚ "....." → **Quotation Marks** = Quotes = Inverted Commas

✚ When we report an imperative directly, we use the exact words that someone said inside quotation marks.

The teacher told the students to study hard. → **Indirect Speech**

✚ When we report an imperative indirectly, we use the infinitive.

✚ **Infinitive** = to + Simple Form of the Verb

The Formulas for Reporting Imperatives Indirectly:

- tell somebody to do something
- tell somebody not to do something
- tell somebody never to do something

Examples:

My grandpa said (to me), "Invest your money in the stock market." → **Direct Speech**

My grandpa told me to invest my money in the stock market. → **Indirect speech**

stock market = stock exchange = a place where shares in companies are bought and sold, or the organization of people whose job is to do this buying or selling

My grandpa said (to me), "Don't be lazy!" → **Direct Speech**

My grandpa told me not to be lazy. → **Indirect Speech**

My grandpa said (to me), "Never trust strangers!" → Direct Speech

My grandpa said (to me), "Don't ever trust strangers!" → Direct Speech

My grandpa told me never to trust strangers. → Indirect Speech

Formulas:

tell somebody to do something
tell somebody not to do something
tell somebody never to do something

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