

# Grammar: Commands

## *Overview*

Commands are orders. For the second person they are expressed in Latin using the **imperative**:

<b>conjugation</b>	<b>singular</b>	<b>plural</b>
1st	porta	portate
2nd	doce	docete
3rd	trahe	trahite
4th	audi	audite

## *Negative commands (prohibitions)*

For the second person prohibition, use the imperative of *nolo* with an infinitive:

noli cedere!

nolite cedere!

Useful irregular imperatives:

*dic* had a *duc*

with *fer* on its back

that's a *fac*

dicere, ducere

ferre

facere

<b>verb</b>	<b>singular</b>	<b>plural</b>
dicere	dic	dicite
ducere	duc	ducite
ferre	fer	ferte
facere	fac	facite
esse	es	este
ire	i	ite

## *Iussive commands*

For the first person and third person, use the **jussive subjunctive** instead of the **imperative**:

caveat emptor

**Let the buyer beware**

When it is used in the first person, the sense is more of an exhortation than a command, and so the subjunctive is known as the **hortatory subjunctive**:

gaudeamus igitur

**Let us rejoice therefore**

The negative is expressed using *ne*.

## *Examples drawn from the exercises*

Identify the command in each sentence.

The number after each question indicates the exercise from which it has been drawn, so that you can look at the example in context.

1. huic uni domino usque seruiamus ... *Exercise 8*
2. Date serta, date flores; me coronent vestri honores; date palmas nobiles. *Exercise 5*
3. Surgent venti et beatae spirent almae fortunatae auras coeli fulgidas. *Exercise 5*
4. pelle humum pedibus, manu pineam quate taedam. *Exercise 4*
5. fiat voluntas tua ... *Exercise 2*

## *Examples drawn from Cicero*

1. vos, quaeso, memoria teneatis, non mihi hoc esse propositum, ut accusem Oppianicum mortuum.  
*Pro Cluentio X.29*
2. muta iam istam mentem, mihi crede: obliviscere caedis atque incendiorem.  
*In Catilinam 1.II.6*
3. recognosce tandem mecum noctem illam superiorem.  
*In Catilinam 1.III.8*
4. egredere ex urbe, Catilina, libera rem publicam metu, in exsilium, si hanc vocem exspectas, proficiscere.  
*In Catilinam 1.VIII.20*
5. nunc, quid agendum sit, considerate!  
*Pro Lege Manilia 6*
6. Noli igitur in conservandis bonis viris defetigari  
*Pro Marcello VI.20*
7. 'Nolite arbitrari, O mihi carissimi filii, me, cum a vobis discessero, nusquam aut nullum fore  
*De Senectute XXII.79*
8. Libros tuos conserva et noli desperare eos me meos facere posse.  
*Ad Atticum 1.IV*
9. Cura, ut valeas et nos ames et tibi persuadeas te a me fraterne amari.  
*Ad Atticum 1.V*
10. Libros vero tuos cave cuiquam tradas; nobis eos, quem ad modum scribis, conserva.  
*Ad Atticum 1.XI*