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Basic Imperatives: Commands and Instructions

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1. Complete the tour guide's frantic warning to the curious museum visitor. Select the grammatically correct phrase.

Whatever you do, ___ that shiny red button!

Select one.

A) not press
B) no pressing
C) doesn't press
D) don't press

2. Select the best words to finish the college senior's ultimate survival advice for a terrified freshman.

___ the syllabus before emailing the professor with a question.

Select one.

A) Always reading
B) You always read
C) Always read
D) To always read

3. You are house-sitting for a very spoiled golden retriever named Barnaby. Select ALL the instructions left by his owner that use correct imperatives.

Select all that apply.

A) Always rub Barnaby's belly before bedtime.
B) Never to wake Barnaby from his afternoon nap.
C) Please give him exactly three treats after his walk.
D) Always gives him a blanket when it rains.

4. Complete the IT support chat log to help a panicked student restart their frozen laptop. Choose the best option for each blank.

Okay, take a deep breath. _____ the power button for ten seconds.

Now, _____ for the screen to go completely black.

Whatever you do, _____; your essay is automatically saved to the cloud!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) Press
B) Presses
C) Pressing

Blank 2

A) let's wait
B) lets wait
C) let wait

Blank 3

A) don't panic
B) no panic
C) not panic

5. Help the panicked roommate complete the emergency cooking instructions by choosing the correct word for each blank.

For a great sandwich, always _____ the bread carefully.
For your own safety, please _____ put the metal fork in the microwave!
To finish the masterpiece, simply _____ a huge piece of cheese.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** slicing
- **B)** slices
- **C)** slice

Blank 2

- **A)** doesn't
- **B)** not
- **C)** don't

Blank 3

- **A)** adding
- **B)** adds
- **C)** add

6. Help Chef Gordon complete the recipe steps for his famous "Volcano Chili" before the kitchen catches fire! Select the correct verb form for each gap.

First, _____ the onions finely and toss them into the hot pan.

Please, _____ your eyes after handling those ghost peppers!

Finally, _____ the pot continuously for ten minutes to prevent burning.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** chop
- **B)** chops
- **C)** chopping

Blank 2

- **A)** don't touch
- **B)** not touch
- **C)** doesn't touch

Blank 3

- **A)** stir
- **B)** stirs
- **C)** stirring

7. Help the panicked chef complete the recipe instructions before the food burns! Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.

First, ___ the garlic and onions until they are golden brown.

Select one.

- **A)** sauté
- **B)** sautéing
- **C)** to sauté
- **D)** you sauté

8. Help the chaotic chef fix their "midnight snack" recipe blog! Select ALL the sentences that use the correct imperative form for giving instructions.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Chop the onions into tiny pieces.
- **B)** Chopping the onions into tiny pieces.
- **C)** Add a pinch of salt to the boiling water.
- **D)** Adds a pinch of salt to the boiling water.

9. Fill in the blanks in this rather questionable "Wilderness Survival Guide" for hikers. Select the correct word or phrase for each gap.

If you see a bear on the trail, _____ perfectly still.

_____ away, because bears love a good foot race and they always win.

Instead, _____ to the bear in a calm, soothing voice about your college major.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** stay
- **B)** stays
- **C)** staying

Blank 2

- **A)** Do not run
- **B)** Not run
- **C)** No running

Blank 3

- **A)** speak
- **B)** speaks
- **C)** spoke

10. Choose the correct words to complete the instructions for the terrified pet sitter.

At exactly 6 AM, promptly _____ His Majesty, the cat.
If he meows loudly, just _____ him a little chin scratch.
Most importantly, please _____ look him directly in the eyes!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** feeding
- **B)** feeds
- **C)** feed

Blank 2

- **A)** giving
- **B)** gives
- **C)** give

Blank 3

- **A)** no
- **B)** does not
- **C)** do not

11. Complete the survivor's urgent note by choosing the correct verb for each gap in the town's survival rules.

When you see a zombie, always _____ in the opposite direction!
At night, strictly _____ all the doors and windows.
Whatever you do, absolutely never _____ the zombies!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** running
- **B)** runs
- **C)** run

Blank 2

- **A)** locking
- **B)** locks
- **C)** lock

Blank 3

- **A)** feeding
- **B)** feeds
- **C)** feed

12. Read the warning signs for an eccentric billionaire's private petting zoo. Select ALL the rules that use grammatically correct negative imperatives.

Select all that apply.

A) Do not feed the ostriches your jewelry.
B) Not tap on the glass of the reptile house.
C) Don't stare directly into the eyes of the lemur.
D) Doesn't touch the electric fence.