

COMMAND MODE

Regular forms of the command mode

Use the 3rd person plural verb (the form *oni*) to form the regular forms of the imperative. First, remove the ending *-ou/-aj/-í*, get the root of the word. Then add the endings of the imperative according to the table below.

a) If the root of the word ends in one consonant, add *-te*, for example:

3rd person pl. (form <i>oni</i>)	(<i>učit</i>) → (<i>oni</i>) <u>uč</u> -í
command mode (2nd person sg. - <i>ty</i>)	uč!
the imperative form (1st person pl. - <i>my</i>)	učme!
command mode (2nd person pl. - <i>vy</i>)	učte!

b) If the root of the word ends in two consonants, add *-i*, *-ete/ěte*, for example:

3rd person pl. (form <i>oni</i>)	(<i>říct</i>) → (<i>oni</i>) řekn -ou
command mode (2nd person sg. - <i>ty</i>)	řekni!
the imperative form (1st person pl. - <i>my</i>)	řekněme!
command mode (2nd person pl. - <i>vy</i>)	řekněte!

c) If the verb ends in 3rd person pl. *-ají*, add *-ej*, *-ejte* to the root, for example:

3rd person pl. (form they)	(<i>dělat</i>) → (<i>oni</i>) děl- ají
command mode (2nd person sg. - <i>ty</i>)	dělej!
the imperative form (1st person pl. - <i>my</i>)	dělejme!
command mode (2nd person pl. - <i>vy</i>)	dělejte!

For some verbs from the *-í* group (type *rozumět*), the formal form of the 3rd person pl. is used to form the imperative form, for example, from the pair *oni rozumí/rozumějí* we use the form *rozumějí* (*rozuměj, rozumějme, rozumějte*) to form the imperative form.

If the stem of the command form ends in *-d*, *-t*, *-n*, softening occurs, e.g. *uklidit* > *uklid'*, vrátit > *vrať*, zapomenout > *zapomeň*.

Forms of the 1st person pl. (*my*) are not very common in the commonly spoken language.

Irregular forms of the command mode

Some verbs form irregularly:

být > *bud'*! *bud'me!* *bud'te!*

mít > *měj!* *mějme!* *mějte!*

jíst > *jez!* *jezme!* *jezte!*

koupit > *kup!* *kupme!* *kupte!*

mít > *měj!* *mějme!* *mějte!*

přijít > *přijď!* *přijďme!* *přijďte!*

sníst > *sněž!* *sněžme!* *sněžte!*

hrát > *hraj!* *hrajme!* *hrajte!*

Note: The verb *jít* has the command form *jdí!* *jděme!* *jděte!*, but the verb stem *běžet*: *běž!* *běžte!* *běžte!*

Remember: *Pojď sem!* *Pojďte sem!*

Negative command mode

The negative command mode is formed almost exclusively from imperfective verbs. For example:

Infinitive impf./pf.	Imperativ impf./pf.	Negative imperative
<i>psát/napsat</i>	<i>piš!/napiš!</i>	<i>nepiš!</i>
<i>brát/vzít</i>	<i>ber!/vezmi!</i>	<i>neber!</i>
<i>dávat/dát</i>	<i>dávej!/dej!</i>	<i>nedávej!</i>

Remember:

jít, chodit, přijít > ***nechod'!*** ***nechod'te!***

jet, jezdit, přijet > ***nejezdí!*** ***nejezděte!***

Note the exception: *zapomínat/zapomenout*: ***nezapomínej!*** ***nezapomínej!!*** But also: ***nezapomeň!*** ***nezapomeňte!***