

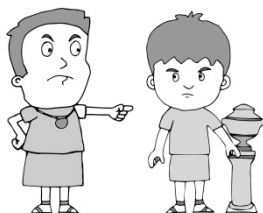
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR ROMAN, PART 2: DON'T DO THAT!

The Negative Imperative

The ordinary imperative is used to tell people what you want them to do, e.g. 'Sit down!', 'Go away!', or 'Come here!'

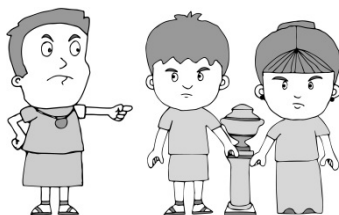
The *Negative imperative* is used to tell people what you want them *not* to do, e.g. 'Don't do that!', 'Don't stand there!', or 'Don't daydream!'. It is also called a *prohibition*.

Making the Negative Imperative:



To tell *one person* what not to do:

- Use the command *noli*, 'Don't!'
- Add the infinitive, e.g. *noli tangere!* 'Don't touch!'



To tell *several people* what not to do:

- Use the command *nolite*, 'Don't!'
- Add the infinitive, e.g. *nolite tangere!* 'Don't touch!'

In fact, *noli* and *nolite* are the normal imperatives of the verb *nolo* – 'I do not want'. So what this Roman is really saying is 'Do not want to touch!'

Exercise 1:

Translate the following sentences into good English. Say whether these commands are for one person (singular) or for more than one (plural) [20 marks].

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a) <i>noli festinare!</i> | f) <i>nolite spectare!</i> |
| b) <i>nolite ridere!</i> | g) <i>noli emere!</i> |
| c) <i>noli dormire!</i> | h) <i>nolite amphoram portare!</i> |
| d) <i>nolite ire!</i> | i) <i>noli Marcum necare!</i> |
| e) <i>noli manere!</i> | j) <i>nolite hostes timere!</i> |

Exercise 2:

Translate the following sentences into good Latin [20 marks].

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| a) Don't run! (singular) | f) Don't drink! (plural) |
| b) Don't sit! (plural) | g) Don't move! (singular) |
| c) Don't ask! (singular) | h) Don't drag! (plural) |
| d) Don't throw! (singular) | i) Don't look! (singular) |
| e) Don't stop! (plural) | j) Don't work! (plural) |

bibo, bibere, bibi, bibitum - drink
cesso, cessare, cessavi, cessatum - stop
curro, currere, cucurri, cursum - run
iacio, iacere, ieci, iactum - throw
laboro, laborare, laboravi, laboratum - work
moveo, movere, movi, motum - move
rogo, rogare, rogavi, rogatum - ask
sedeo, sedere, sedi, sessum - sit
traho, trahere, traxi, tractum - drag
video, videre, visi, visum - look

Exercise 3:

Match the Negative imperative to its English translation [8 marks]:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Don't walk! ▶ | ◀ <i>nolite pugnare!</i> |
| Don't fight! (plural) ▶ | ◀ <i>noli negare!</i> |
| Don't run away! ▶ | ◀ <i>noli lacrimare!</i> |
| Don't cry! ▶ | ◀ <i>nolite ambulare!</i> |
| Don't sail! ▶ | ◀ <i>nolite navigare!</i> |
| Don't refuse! ▶ | ◀ <i>noli odire!</i> |
| Don't fight! (singular) ▶ | ◀ <i>noli pugnare!</i> |
| Don't hate! ▶ | ◀ <i>noli fugere!</i> |

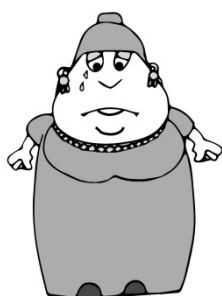
Exercise 4 :

What negative imperatives might you use for these Romans? [4 marks]

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b)



c)



d)

