

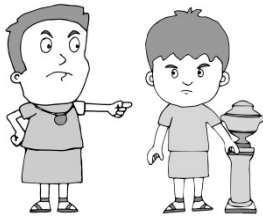
## How to train your Roman, PART 2: Don't do that!

### 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!'

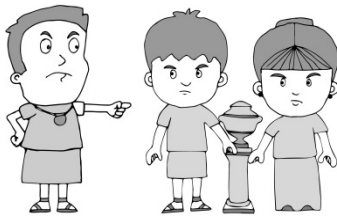
The *Negative imperative* is used to tell people what you want them *not* to do, e.g. 'Don't do that!', 'Don't stand there!', or 'Don't daydream!'. It is also called a *prohibition*.

#### 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].

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 amare!</i>      |
| Don't fight! (singular) ▶ | ◀ <i>noli pugnare!</i>    |
| Don't love! ▶             | ◀ <i>noli fugere!</i>     |

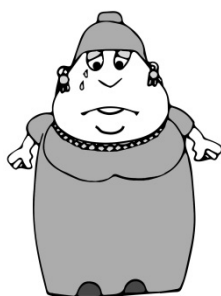
## Exercise 4 :

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

a)



b)



c)



d)

