

## Chapter- 7

# Bon Appétit

**STUDY NOTES****In this chapter we will learn about**

- a. Les repas
- b. L'impératif

**Les repas**

We will learn about the timing of the meals in France'

**L'impératif**

It's imperative that you understand the imperative mood if you want to give orders

make requests

express desires

provide recommendations *Changing your Tomorrow* ▲

offer advice

prohibit actions

The imperative, (l'impératif in French) is used to give commands, orders, or express wishes, like 'Stop!', 'Listen!' You may recognize the imperative from commands such as 'Ecoutez' or 'Répétez'. It is one of four moods in the French language. Unlike the other moods, the imperative is not divided into tenses. Keep in mind that the imperative is a very direct way to give an order. It is often replaced with more polite alternatives like the conditional.

## formation

There are three forms of the imperative: tu, nous and vous. For all verbs, the imperative is formed by taking the corresponding forms of the present indicative, but without subject pronouns. The lack of a subject pronoun is what identifies the imperative mood.

finir 'to finish'

| present        | imperative | translation            |
|----------------|------------|------------------------|
| tu finis       | finis      | finish (you, familiar) |
| nous finissons | finissons  | let's finish           |
| vous finissez  | finissez   | finish                 |

The tu form is used to give an order to a child or when the speaker is on familiar terms with the person addressed. The vous form is used to give an order to a group of people or to address one person in the vous form. The nous form is used to give an order that involves oneself as well as others, though it often expresses a suggestion as its translation (Let's ... ) indicates.

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Drop the final s in the tu forms of the imperative for -er verbs, including aller, and -ir verbs like ouvrir and other verbs whose present indicative form of tu ends in -es:

| present     | imperative | translation |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| tu regardes | regarde    | look        |
| tu ouvres   | ouvre      | open        |
| tu vas      | va         | go          |

## Exceptions in the imperative

Some verbs have an irregular imperative form.

Infinitive    Imperative

aller    va, allons, allez

avoir    aie, ayons, ayez

être    sois, soyons, soyez

savoir    sache, sachons, sachez

vouloir    veuille, veuillons, veuillez

