Bossy commands: answers and notes

What your child practised: commands that tell someone to do something, starting with a bossy (imperative) verb (Year 2 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

1. **Pick** (or Pick up) 2. **Shut**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, e.g. **Put** a cup on the table. Check each command starts with a bossy verb.

Page 2 · A. Ring the commands

Feed the fish. Close the door. Wipe your feet. (The others tell or ask.)

Page 3 · B. Bossy verbs

1. **Brush** your teeth. 2. **Hold** my hand.
3. **Put** the toys in the box.

Page 3 · C. Picture commands

Answers will vary, e.g. **Put** the rubbish in the bin. **Close** the door. / **Open** the door.

Page 3 · D. Pet fish

Answers will vary, e.g. **Feed** the fish every day. **Clean** the tank.

Challenge: No. It is still a command, just a polite one. The bossy verb is **sit**. Adding please makes a command kinder, but it still tells someone what to do.

Watch out for

- **Starting with "You"** ("You put the cup on top"). Show that a command can start straight away with the bossy verb.
- **Commands and !** Most commands end with a full stop. Use ! only for loud or urgent ones, like "Stop!"
- **Telling instead of commanding** ("The toys go in the box"). Ask: "What should I do?" Then start with that word.

Going further (no paper)

- **Bossy boots:** let your child give you three commands while you get ready to go out.
- **Kitchen commands:** while you tidy up, take turns to say a command with a different bossy verb.
- **In the game:** Chapter 5, Pal Party, puts all four types of sentence together to tell them apart.