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Bossy commands

A command tells someone to do something.

1 Learn



A **command** tells you what to do. It often starts with a **bossy verb**, like fill, pat or tip.

How to make a sandcastle



Fill the bucket.



Pat the sand down.



Tip it over.



Write a command for this picture.

1. What should someone do? **Wash their hands.**
2. Start with the bossy verb: **Wash**
3. Finish it with a full stop: **Wash your hands.**

Flip's tip: a command usually ends with a full stop. If it is loud or urgent, like "Stop!", it can end with !

Warm up: draw a ring round the **bossy verb**.

1. Pick up the shell.
2. Shut the gate.

Grown-ups: bossy verbs are also called imperative verbs. Try saying them in a bossy voice!

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Robot helper

You need: 6 plastic cups, blocks or small boxes, and a pencil.

1. The grown-up is a robot. The robot only does exactly what a command says.
2. The child gives commands to build a tower: "Put a cup on the table." "Put a cup on top."
3. If a command doesn't start with a bossy verb, the robot just beeps and waits!
4. Swap, so the child is the robot. Then write three commands you used.

Our command	The bossy verb

Grown-ups: be a silly robot! If your child says "The cup goes on top", wait for a bossy verb: "Put the cup on top."

3 Practise

A. Draw a ring round each **command**.

Feed the fish.	The fish is hungry.
Is the fish hungry?	Close the door.
Wipe your feet.	I like my boots.

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B. Choose a bossy verb from the box for each command.

Put	Brush	Hold

1. _____ your teeth.
2. _____ my hand.
3. _____ the toys in the box.

C. Write a command for each picture.



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D. Write two commands to tell a friend how to look after a pet fish.



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Challenge

Sam says: **"Please sit down."** is not a command, because it starts with please. Is he right? Find the bossy verb.

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I can... Tick when you can.

- [ ] spot a bossy verb
- [ ] start a command with a bossy verb
- [ ] write a command that tells someone what to do