

UNIT 10

IMPERATIVE

We use the imperative to tell people what to do/not to do.

Put a gate at the top and bottom of your stairs.

Don't let your children near the stove.

MIGHT/COULD

We use **might** or **could** to say that something is likely to happen.

*Stay away from the cat. It **might/could** scratch you.*

HAVE TO/DON'T HAVE TO - MUST/MUSTN'T

- We use **have to** to express necessity.
*You **have to** buy a ticket before entering the theatre.*
- We use **do not have to** to say that it is not necessary for something to happen.
*You **don't have to** help me with the washing-up. (... but you can if you want to.)*
- We can also use **must/mustn't** to express very strong advice.
*You **must** stay away from those dogs. (It's very important that you stay away from those dogs.)*
*You **mustn't** go near the water. (It's very important that you don't go near the water.)*
- We also use **mustn't** to express prohibition.
*You **mustn't** drink and drive. (It's illegal.)*

CAN - BE ALLOWED TO

- We use **can** to **ask for** or **give permission**.
***Can** I go out? You **can** go now.*
- We use **can't** to refuse permission.
*I'm afraid you **can't** go to the party.*
- We use **be allowed to** to ask for, give or refuse permission. The permission, however, does not depend on the speaker.

Compare the examples:

***Can** I watch TV? (Will you allow me to watch TV?)*

***Am I allowed** to keep a pet in my room? (What is the rule?)*