

LESSON III

Tolle et lege.* *Take up and read.* - St. Augustine

Imperatives of the four Conjugations and Sum

Verb	Imperative Singular	Imperative Plural	Meaning
amo, amare	ama	amate	Love!
móneo, monēre	monē	monete	Warn!
rego, régere	rege	régite	Rule!
cápio, cápere	cape	cápite	Take!
áudio, audire	audi	audite	Hear!
sum, esse	es	este	Be!

Irregular Imperatives

Verb	Imperative Singular	Imperative Plural	Meaning
dico dícere	dic	dícite	Speak!
duco dúcere	duc	dúcite	Lead!
fácio fácere	fac	fácite	Make!

- ◆ The imperative mood is used for commands. The understood subject of an imperative is *you* or *you all*. To form the singular imperative for all regular conjugations, drop the **re** from the infinitive. The plural imperative of the 1st, 2nd, and 4th conjugations is formed by adding **-te** to the singular imperative.
- ◆ The troublesome 3rd conjugation presents us with that variable stem vowel, which changes to **i** in the plural imperative. Add **ite** to the root, or just remember **surge, súrgite** for the imperative of 3rd and 3rd **io** verbs.
- ◆ Three regular verbs, **dico, duco, and fácio**, have irregular singular imperatives.
- ◆ On the next page are imperatives you may have learned from sayings, music, and prayers.
- ◆ The three new verbs below have very irregular principal parts.

New Vocabulary

ago ágere egi actus	to do, drive, act, treat; give (with <i>grátias</i>)	<i>agent, act, actor</i>
cogo cógere coegi coactus	to collect, force	<i>coerce</i>
tollo tóllere sústuli sublatu*	to lift (up), raise	

*Saying notes on p. 25

1st/2nd Conjugation Imperatives

Latin	English	Source
<u>Da nobis hódie</u>	Give us today	<i>Pater Noster</i>
<u>Dona nobis pacem</u>	Grant us peace	Hymn (from the <i>Agnus Dei</i>)
<u>Líbera nos a malo</u>	Deliver us from evil	<i>Pater Noster</i>
<u>Ora et labora</u>	Pray and work	Latin Saying
<u>Ora pro nobis</u>	Pray for us	<i>Ave Maria</i>
<u>Festina lentē</u>	Make haste slowly	Latin Saying
<u>Cave canem</u>	Beware the dog	Latin Saying
<u>Gaude! Gaude!</u>	Rejoice! Rejoice!	<i>Veni, Veni Emmanuel</i>
<u>Gaudete, gaudete</u>	Rejoice, rejoice	<i>Resonet in Laudibus</i>
<u>Salve, salvete</u>	Be well (Hello)	Conversational Latin
<u>Vale, valete</u>	Be strong (Good-bye)	Conversational Latin
<u>Adeste fideles</u>	O, come all ye faithful	Christmas carol

3rd/4th Conjugation Imperatives

Latin	English	Source
<u>Carpe diem</u>	Seize the day	Latin Saying
<u>Claude jánuam</u>	Close the door	Classroom Command
<u>Dimitte nobis débíta nostra</u>	Send away our sins	<i>Pater Noster</i>
<u>Surge, súrgite</u>	Stand up	Latin Saying
<u>Veni, veni Emmánuel</u>	O come, O come Emmanuel	<i>Veni, Veni Emmanuel</i>
<u>Veni Creator Spíritus</u>	Come Creator Spirit	Conversational Latin
<u>Benedíc Dómine Nos</u>	Bless us O Lord	Table Blessing
<u>Audi Ísrael!</u>	Hear, O Israel!	Latin Saying
<u>Tolle et lege</u>	Take up and read	Latin Saying