

## Imperatives – Worksheet for Lesson 2 (Secondary)

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### Part A

You tried some recipes, and found some cooking problems. You have asked two friends Amy and Betty for advice. Below are their suggestions.

Problems	Suggestions
1) I cooked gummy noodles that stuck together.	<b>Amy:</b> Cook in a large pot. Use lots of water.
	<b>Betty:</b> Why don't you use more water? You can cook the noodles in a large pot.
2) My fish fillets turned out soggy, very wet and soft.	<b>Amy:</b> Preheat your pan.
	<b>Betty:</b> You could preheat the pan.
3) My food absorbed too much oil.	<b>Amy:</b> Make your oil hot.
	<b>Betty:</b> If I were you, I would make my oil really hot before panfrying the food.

Discuss with a partner:

- 1) What sentence type does Amy use in her suggestions?

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- 2) Betty and Amy have given you the same suggestions. But they have used different sentence structures. Whose suggestions sound more pleasant to you? Why?

**Betty has adopted a suggestive tone, using modal verbs such as 'can' and 'could', the if-conditional, and the interrogative 'Why don't you ...?'. This reduces the assertive force. Amy has used imperatives, which sound like demanding compliance.**

**Part B Give suggestions**

While surfing the internet, you read a post about a boy who feels very stressed and depressed because of heavy schoolwork. Below is a reply giving him advice.

*Posted by Behappy on 24 May 2016:*

Hi John,

I had exactly the same problems as you do when I was in secondary school. At that time, I found it hard to catch up with my classmates and I was stressed out! But luckily, I was able to cope with my problems. Let me give you some suggestions.

You mentioned that you have lost weight these days because of stress. You should always keep yourself healthy. You could start by eating healthy food and having a balanced diet. You ought to do exercise regularly to keep yourself energetic as well. Why don't you play ball games with classmates after school? Have some fun with your friends, and then you will feel less burnt out.

I hope these suggestions can help you. I'm sure you can cope with the problems if you change your daily habits and way of thinking!

- 1) Below are suggestions taken from the post. Fill in the blanks with modal verbs.
  - a. According to Behappy, one should make efforts to be healthy.
  - b. John could / should begin with having healthy food to keep healthy.
  - c. John could / can / should / ought to do exercise regularly to keep himself energetic.
  - d. John could / can / should / ought to play and have fun with his classmates.
  
- 2) Behappy makes suggestions in different ways. Below is a table summarizing ways to give suggestions. Complete the table. Share with your partner other ways to give advice.

To give suggestions			
Modal verbs	<i>I, You, He, She, We, etc.</i>	<i>should, could, can, ought to, had better...</i>	Base verb form (e.g. <i>keep, start</i> )
Question form	<i>Why don't' you ...?</i>		
Imperative	<i>Have some fun with your friends</i>		
Others I know	<i>If I were you, I would ...</i>		

- 3) Below is another post you browsed. Read the post and write a short reply. Pay special attention to how to give suggestions.

*Posted by iloveu on 24 May 2016:*

Help! I had a quarrel with my parents because they don't understand me at all!!!

My favourite Korean band is going to have a concert in Hong Kong next month. As a super fan, I can't wait to buy the ticket. But my parents can't understand me! They said it's just a waste of time and money. They said I am now in Form 4 and I must spend less time on idols.

What can I do??? Can anyone tell me what to do? I really want to watch the concert and see my favourite band!

*Your reply:*

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