Imperative (Bossy) Verbs



What is a verb?

- A doing word.
- It describes an action.

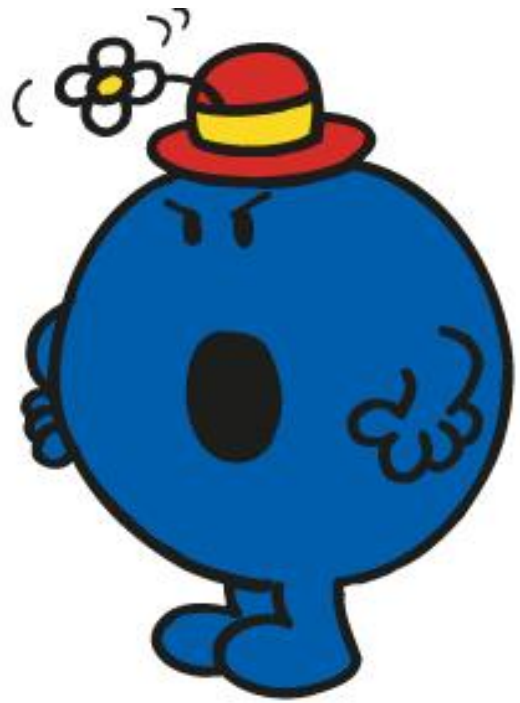
- E.g. I baked a cake.



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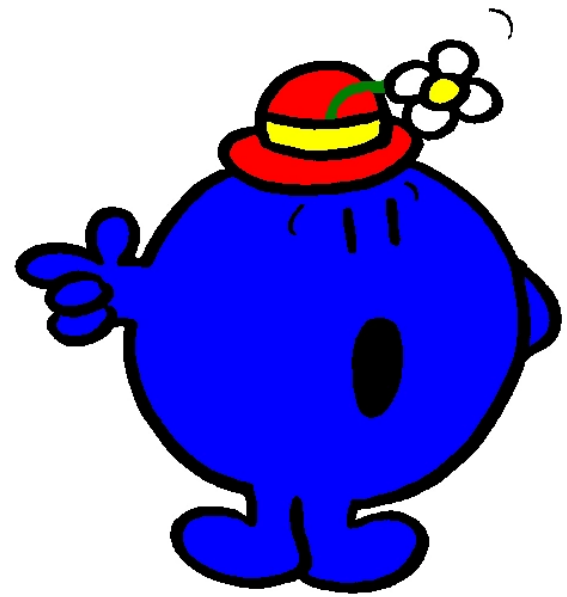
- It is a bossy verb! It makes a sentence bossy! Use Miss Bossy to help you remember!
- It gives you an order or command.
- They are direct and sharp.

- E.g. Line up for assembly.
- Turn left at the traffic lights.
- Mix the flour and eggs together.



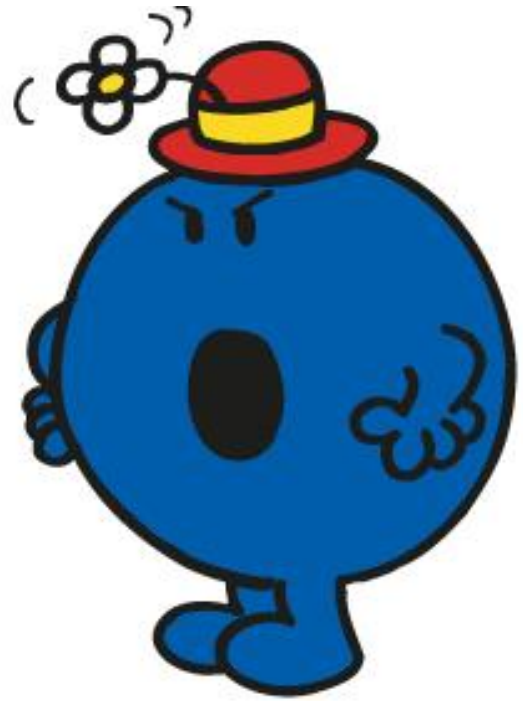
When do we use them?

- We often use them in instructional writing.
- What types instruction can you think of?
- Recipes.
- DIY manuals.
- Game instructions.
- Car directions.



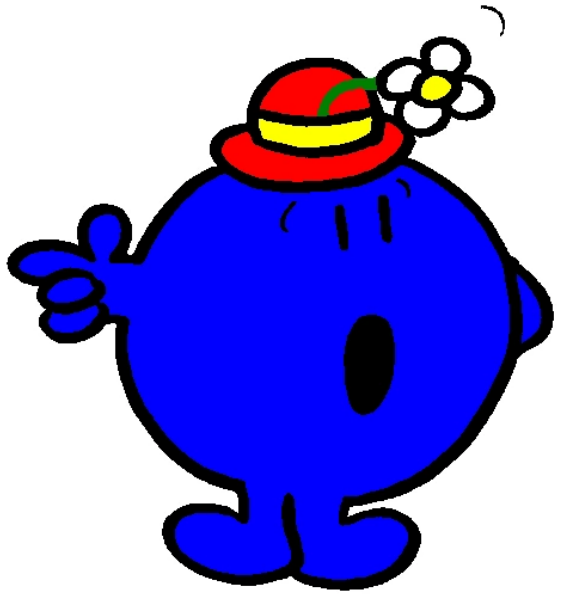
For example!

- **Hammer** the nail into the wood.
- **Turn** right at the zebra crossing.
- First, **pour** the milk into the bowl.
- **Bounce** across the yard.



Can you find the bossy verb?

- First, list the ingredients for the recipe.
- Jump on the spot.
- Next, cut along the dotted line.
- Stick the picture in the middle of the card.



What do you notice?
Where do bossy verbs go in the sentence?

Which sentences are bossy?

- Please very carefully lift the lid of the box.
- Lift the lid of the box.
- Gently remove the pie from the oven.
- Remove the pie from the oven
- When you have time, check to see if the paint is dry.
- Check to see if the paint is dry.