

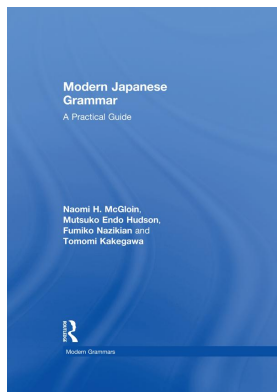
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Orders (commands)

75.1 Giving affirmative orders

To give a command in the affirmative form, the V(stem) **nasai** structure is commonly used. This is the command form most commonly used when parents reprimand their children or when bosses lecture their subordinates. It is also used in written instructions.

宿題をしなさい。

Shukudai o shi nasai.

Do your homework.

よく考えなさい。

Yoku kangae nasai.

Think hard.

括弧に適切な言葉を書きなさい。

Kakko ni tekitoona kotoba o kaki nasai.

Write an appropriate word in the parentheses.

Command expressions with the V(stem) **na** structure are sometimes used in casual speech.

食べな。

Tabena.

Eat.

やめな。

Yamena.

Quit it.

The following rude command form may be used in masculine style speech. Command forms are obtained as follows:

- Irregular verbs: **suru** ‘to do’ changes to **shiro**; **kuru** ‘to come’ to **koi**.

掃除しろ。

Sooji shiro.

Clean (it)!

ビールをもってこい。

Biiru o motte koi.

Bring beer!

- **ru**-verbs: final **-ru** of the dictionary form changes to **ro**.

ゆっくり食べる。

Yukkuri tabero.

Eat slowly!

よく見ろ。

Yoku miro.

Look carefully!

- **u**-verbs: final **-u** vowel of the dictionary form changes to **e**.

早く帰れ。

Hayaku kaere.

Go home soon!

もっと飲め。

Motto nome.

Drink more!

75.2 Giving negative orders

To command others not to do something, **na** is attached to the dictionary form of verbs. This negative command form is masculine and sounds very rough.

動くな。

Ugoku na.

Don't move.

何も言うな。

Nani mo yuu na.

Don't say anything.

Another form of negative command takes the same form as the plain nonpast negative form.

ぐずぐずしない！

Guzu guzu shinai.

Don't dilly-dally!

文句言わない！

Monku iwanai!

Don't complain!

やすまない！

Yasumanai!

Don't take a break!

In the negative command form associated with women's speech, **no** is attached at the end of the plain nonpast negative form. This form is often used by mothers scolding children.

喧嘩しないの！

Kenka shinai no!

Don't quarrel!

泣かないの！

Nakanai no!

Don't cry!

うるさくしないの！

Urusaku shinai no!

Don't be noisy!