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INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Read through the dialogue and understand the conversation.
Step 2: Change ten sentences into the imperative mood.
Step 3: Check your answers with a partner. Do you have the same answers?
Step 4: Now practice the conversation with a partner.

DIALOGUE

A: You should get up! It's Saturday and there's a lot to do.

B: I'm still sleeping. You should go away! I'm tired. Can't I sometimes sleep late?

A: No. I already made breakfast. You should go downstairs and make the coffee. You shouldn't forget to take out the trash too. I'm going to take a shower.

B: What's for breakfast?

A: I cut some fruit and boiled some eggs. Everything is in the fridge. Can you put some bread in the toaster, please?

B: Let's just watch some TV today. I can rent some movies and we can relax. What do you think? Isn't that a good idea? Or we can go for a drive somewhere.

A: No. I said that we have a lot to do today. After breakfast, I want you to mow the lawn, do the gardening, wash the clothes, and vacuum the house.

B: No way. I don't think so. You do some of the chores too. Can you wash the clothes, vacuum, and do the gardening, please?

A: I guess that's fair, but can you please wash the car too?

B: Why are weekends always busier than weekdays?

A: Really? Weekdays are always so much busier for me. Now you should get out of bed. There's a lot to do today!
ANSWERS

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EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Instructions: Now write your own dialogue with a partner. Be sure to use the imperative mood in the conversation at least five times. Choose one of these ideas to write about:

At the office...
Chores around the house...
Driving to...
Studying English...
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