

## Activity Type

Speaking Activity:  
unscrambling, matching,  
controlled practice (pair  
work)

## Focus

Imperatives

## Aim

To give instructions using  
imperatives.

## Preparation

Make a copy of the cards  
for each pair of students  
and cut as indicated,  
keeping the word  
cards and picture cards  
separate.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

15 minutes

## Introduction

In this imperatives activity, students make a treasure map by giving each other instructions using imperatives.

## Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of word cards and a set of picture cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the word cards and place them face-down in a pile on the desk, placing the star card at the bottom and to spread the picture cards out face-up on the desk.

Students then take turns picking up a word card without showing it to their partner.

The student then arranges the words on the card in the correct order to make a command, e.g. 'Climb the mountain.'

Their partner listens to the command and finds the corresponding picture.

The two students then place the two cards together face-up on the table.

This process continues until the students complete the instructions to the treasure chest which is the bottom word card in the pile.

If students finish quickly, they repeat the activity and create a new map.

Answer key (any order is possible)

Turn right.  
Turn left.  
Climb the mountain.  
Cross the river.  
Jump over the rocks.  
Run through the forest.  
Go straight on.  
Walk to the beach.  
Swim across the lake.  
Swim to the island.  
Go through the field.  
Open the box.



right  
turn



left  
turn



mountain  
climb  
the



the  
cross  
river



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