

Definitions :

- 1: very important and needing immediate attention or action
- 2: expressing authority
- 3: expressing an order

imperative

Etymology and historical meaning of the term imperative :

late Middle English (as a grammatical term): from late Latin *imperativus* (literally 'specially ordered', translating Greek *prostatikē enklisis* 'imperative mood'), from *imperare* 'to command', from *in-* 'towards' + *parare* 'make ready'.

Used in a sentence:

- *It is absolutely imperative that we finish by next week.*
- *It is imperative to continue the treatment for at least two months.*
- *Ms Higginbottom used an imperative tone.*
- *The English teachers practice writing imperative sentences.*

Some imperative verbs:

add, take, give, stop, turn, tuck, eat, draw, write...
Can you think of any others?

Questions:

- How does this link with the theme of the week:
"Discipline Drives Success"
- Can you think of any synonyms for the word **imperative**?
- Could you use words of the same family (verbs, nouns) in sentences?

How does Maya Angelo use imperative sentences to deliver her message?



What is Maya Angelo trying to say?

What can we learn from this poem?