Exercise answer key : The imperative: say! listen! worship!

Quranic grammar

Detailed answer key for the exercises on "The imperative: say! listen! worship!" (Quranic grammar), with step-by-step explanations.

Content under review.

Exercise 1

From the present “you” to the masculine imperative: remove the ت and add a starting alif.

1. تَكْتُبُ
   → **اُكْتُبْ**
2. تَفْتَحُ
   → **اِفْتَحْ**
3. تَدْرُسُ
   → **اُدْرُسْ**
4. تَجْلِسُ
   → **اِجْلِسْ**
5. تَذْهَبُ
   → **اِذْهَبْ**
6. تَشْرَبُ
   → **اِشْرَبْ**
7. تَسْمَعُ
   → **اِسْمَعْ**

The starting alif takes a damma if the present vowel is damma (اُكْتُبْ), otherwise a kasra.

Exercise 2

Put the imperative in the feminine (add ـي).

1. اُكْتُبْ
   → **اُكْتُبِي**
2. اِفْتَحْ

→ اِفْتَحِي

3. أُدْرُسْ

→ أُدْرُسِي

4. اِجْلِسْ

→ اِجْلِسِي

5. اِذْهَبْ

→ اِذْهَبِي

6. اِشْرَبْ

→ اِشْرَبِي

Exercise 3

Put the imperative in the masculine plural (add وا).

1. أُكْتُبْ

→ أُكْتُبُوا

2. اِفْتَحْ

→ اِفْتَحُوا

3. أُدْرُسْ

→ أُدْرُسُوا

4. اِجْلِسْ

→ اِجْلِسُوا

5. اِذْهَبْ

→ اِذْهَبُوا

6. اِشْرَبْ

→ اِشْرَبُوا

Exercise 4

Whom is the command addressed to?

1. اِفْتَحْ

→ masculine singular

2. اِفْتَحِي

→ feminine singular

3. اِفْتَحُوا
   → **masculine plural**
4. أُدْرُسِي
   → **feminine singular**
5. اِذْهَبُوا
   → **masculine plural**
6. اِجْلِسْ
   → **masculine singular**

Exercise 5

Short verbs: write the requested imperative.

1. قَالَ → masculine
   → **قُلْ**
2. قَالَ → plural
   → **قُولُوا**
3. قَالَ → feminine
   → **قُولِي**
4. نَامَ → masculine
   → **نَمْ**
5. كَانَ → masculine
   → **كُنْ**
6. كَانَ → plural
   → **كُونُوا**

Exercise 6

To forbid, put لَا before the present (the verb takes a sukun; ـونَ and ـينَ lose their ن).

1. تَذْهَبُ
   → **لَا تَذْهَبْ**
2. تَفْتَحُ
   → **لَا تَفْتَحْ**
3. تَجْلِسُونَ
   → **لَا تَجْلِسُوا**
4. تَشْرَبُ

→ لَا تَشْرَبْ

5. تَكْتُبِينَ
   → لَا تَكْتُبِي
6. تَدْرُسُونَ
   → لَا تَدْرُسُوا

Exercise 7

Read aloud, then write the pronunciation in Latin letters.

1. اُكْتُبْ
   → **uktub**
2. اِفْتَحْ
   → **iftaḥ**
3. اُدْرُسِي
   → **udrusī**
4. اِذْهَبُوا
   → **idhhabū**
5. قُلْ
   → **qul**
6. لَا تَذْهَبْ
   → **lā tadhhab**

Exercise 8

Write in Arabic, with vowels, the form whose pronunciation is given.

1. iftaḥ
   → اِفْتَحْ
2. uktubū
   → اُكْتُبُوا
3. ijlisī
   → اِجْلِسِي
4. ishrab
   → اِشْرَبْ
5. qul
   → قُلْ
6. lā taftaḥ
   → لَا تَفْتَحْ

Exercise 9

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. write!
   → أُكْتُبْ
2. open! (f.)
   → اِفْتَحِي
3. study! (pl.)
   → أُدْرُسُوا
4. sit down! (m.)
   → اِجْلِسْ
5. go! (m.)
   → اِذْهَبْ
6. do not go!
   → لَا تَذْهَبْ

Exercise 10

Translate into Arabic, with all the vowels.

1. Write a letter!
   → أُكْتُبْ رِسَالَةً
2. Study the lesson!
   → أُدْرُسُوا الدَّرْسَ
3. Sit here!
   → اِجْلِسْ هُنَا
4. Do not go! (pl.)
   → لَا تَذْهَبُوا

Exercise 11

Correct the mistake.

1. أُكْتُبُ
   → أُكْتُبْ
2. اِفْتَحَ
   → اِفْتَحْ
3. أُدْرُسْوا
   → أُدْرُسُوا

4. اِجْلِسْي
   اِجْلِسِي →
5. لَا تَذْهَبُ
   لَا تَذْهَبْ →

Exercise 12

How does the imperative end? Write the final mark.

1. اُكْتُبْ
   → sukun
2. اُكْتُبِي
   ي → (kasra + ي)
3. اُكْتُبُوا
   وا → (damma + و + alif)
4. اِفْتَحْ
   → sukun
5. اِفْتَحِي
   ي → (kasra + ي)
6. اِفْتَحُوا
   وا → (damma + و + alif)

Exercise 13

Imperative or present?

1. تَكْتُبُ
   → present
2. اُكْتُبْ
   → imperative
3. يَفْتَحُ
   → present
4. اِفْتَحْ
   → imperative
5. اُدْرُسُوا
   → imperative
6. تَدْرُسُونَ
   → present

Exercise 14

Write the masculine imperative from the root (think of the present vowel).

1. ك ت ب
   → **اُكْتُبْ**
2. ف ت ح
   → **اِفْتَحْ**
3. ج ل س
   → **اِجْلِسْ**
4. ذ ه ب
   → **اِذْهَبْ**
5. ش ر ب
   → **اِشْرَبْ**
6. د ر س
   → **اُدْرُسْ**

Exercise 15

In these Quranic words, what is the base verb, and whom is the order addressed to?

1. قُلْ
   قَالَ →: masculine singular
2. وَٱعْبُدُوا۟
   عَبَدَ →: masculine plural
3. فَٱتَّقُوا۟
   اتَّقَى →: masculine plural
4. ٱقْرَأْ
   قَرَأَ →: masculine singular

The extracts come from the site's Quran text; only the grammar point is studied here.

Exercise 16

In these Quranic words, how does the imperative end? (sukun or وا)

1. قُلْ
   → sukun
2. وَٱعْبُدُوا۟

→ ـوا

3. فَٱتَّقُوا۟

→ ـوا

4. ٱقْرَأْ

→ sukun

Exercise 17

True or false?

1. For “you” (masculine), the imperative ends in a sukun.
   → True
2. The feminine imperative is obtained by adding ـوا.
   → False
3. To forbid, one puts لَا before the present.
   → True
4. قُلْ is the imperative of قَالَ.
   → True
5. The masculine plural imperative ends in ـي.
   → False

Feminine: ـي; masculine plural: ـوا.

Exercise 18

Find the odd one out: the form that is not an imperative.

1. أُكْتُبْ ـ اِفْتَحْ ـ تَكْتُبُ
   → تَكْتُبُ
2. قُلْ ـ كُنْ ـ كَانَ
   → كَانَ
3. أُدْرُسُوا ـ اِجْلِسُوا ـ يَدْرُسُونَ
   → يَدْرُسُونَ
4. اِذْهَبْ ـ اِشْرَبْ ـ ذَهَبَ
   → ذَهَبَ

Exercise 19

Put the words in order.

1. رِسَالَةً أُكْتُبْ
   → أُكْتُبْ رِسَالَةً

2. هُنَا اِجْلِسْ
   → اِجْلِسْ هُنَا
3. الدَّرْسَ أُدْرُسُوا
   → أُدْرُسُوا الدَّرْسَ
4. تَذْهَبْ لَا
   → لَا تَذْهَبْ

Exercise 20

Put the order into the feminine or plural as indicated.

1. أُكْتُبْ → feminine
   → أُكْتُبِي
2. اِفْتَحْ → plural
   → اِفْتَحُوا
3. اِجْلِسْ → feminine
   → اِجْلِسِي
4. اِذْهَبْ → plural
   → اِذْهَبُوا

Exercise 21

Writing: write four different orders (to a boy, to a girl, to a group, one prohibition).

1. Four orders
   → أُكْتُبْ ، اِفْتَحِي ، أُدْرُسُوا ، لَا تَذْهَبْ

Free answer.