

## Commands

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A command is a statement requesting something to be done. Examples of a command are "Read." and "Write." Since commands are always directed towards someone, it is optional to include the person's name (or a pronoun) before the command.

### Respect / Non-respect

In Tamil, commands have 2 forms. The first form (which is just the verb root) is the non-respect form. This form is given to people of the same age or people younger. As [previously said](#), a verb root by itself can be used as a command without respect. The other form of commands are those given with respect.

Commands With Respect  
verb root + C q;fS;

Forming commands with respect uses the usual rules for [adding suffixes](#).

### Examples

- C I ;fhu; = "Sit."
- ghUq;fS; = "Look."
- eP gb = "You read."
- e;q;fS; vOJ q;fS; = "You write."
- fhuj; j pf> mq;F NgR = "Karthik, speak there."
- mggh> e;q;fS; ri kAq;fS; = "Father, you cook."

## Negative Commands

### Non-respect

Negative commands have different endings depending on whether the person gets respect, and whether the verb is weak or strong.

### Negative Commands (non-respect)

- For weak verbs: verb root + -MNj
- For strong verbs: verb root + ff; + -MNj

Ex:

- fj;j hNj = "Don't yell."
- ebf;S; ghI hj U;fS; = "You don't sing."
- j q;i f> NgrhNj = "Little sister, don't talk."

## Respect

### Negative Commands (respect)

- For weak verbs: verb root + -Mj U;fS;
- For strong verbs: verb root + ff; + -Mj U;fS;

Ex:

- mbf;fhNj = "Don't hit."
- ci j f;fhj U;fS; = "Don't kick."
- Fbf;fhNj = "Don't drink."

## More Verbs

More Weak Verbs	
XI ;L	drive
fj ;J	yell
ghL	sing
ML	dance

vOJ	write
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More Strong Verbs	
Fsp	bathe
mb	hit
ci j	kick
rej p	meet
fhj j pU	wait

## Irregular Verbs - th/Ngh

### Being Irregular

The words th ("come") and Ngh are called irregular because they do not follow all of our previously learned rules exactly. The easiest way to show which rules these verbs follow is through a chart.

Irregular Verbs		
Verb Form	Come	Go
verb root	th	Ngh
present tense	tU + fW; + verb suffix	Ngh + fW; + verb suffix
future tense	tU + t; + verb suffix	Ngh + t; + verb suffix
command (non-resp.)	th	Ngh
command (resp.)	thUqfs;	Nghqfs;
neg. command (non-resp.)	tuhNj	NghfhNj
neg. command (resp.)	tuhj p;fs;	Nghfhj p;fs;

Take a close look at the commands with respect, since they are much

different from all the other verb forms. These aren't the only irregular verbs, but fortunately, there are only a few others.

## Examples

- mtd; ehi sf;F mq;F Nghthd;= "He will go there tomorrow."
- ehd; tUf;Nwd;= "I come."
- Nghfhj &fS;= "Do not go."