

Imperative verbs: First person dual¹



For the Wendat people, the number two has a particular meaning attached to it: **duality**. Note the importance of this concept :

- ⇒ in certain actions : ex. it takes two legs to run, we grab objects with two hands;
- ⇒ in pronouns: there are forms which are specific to actions and events in which only two people are involved (ex. the two of us, they (2), you two, etc.);
- ⇒ in numbers;
- ⇒ etc.

In Wendat, this duality is often represented by the forms t-/te-/ti-, a prefix that we call the duplicative.



Tihonh!

'Let's say it!'



Tihiatonh!

'Let's write it!'



Tinrawah!

'Let's dance!'



Tia'tatenh!

'Let's stop!'



Tiakwendahtonht!

'Let's be quiet!'



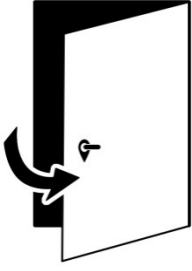
Tiastorat!

'Let's hurry up!'

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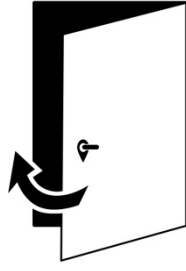
Ta'ohit itiatierha'?

'What are we doing, the two of us?'



Tinhotonwah!

'Let's open the door!'



Tinhotonh!

'Let's close the door!'



Tiatienh!

'Let's sit down!'



Tias!

'Let's sing!'



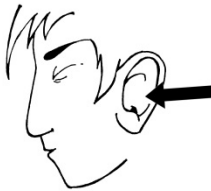
Tiyaweh!

'Let's swim!'



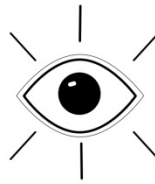
Titierahtat!

'Let's run!'



Tiatriho'tat!

'Let's listen!'

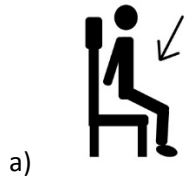


Tiakahkwah!

'Let's look!'

Exercises

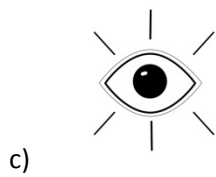
No. 1 Choose the Wendat imperative that corresponds to the image.



1. Tiastorat!
2. Tiatienh!
3. Tiatriho'tat!



1. Tihonh!
2. Tihiatonh!
3. Tia'tatenh!



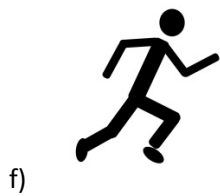
1. Tiyaweh!
2. Tiakahkwah!
3. Tias!



1. Titiarहतat!
2. Tiastorat!
3. Tiakahkwah!



1. Tinrawah!
2. Tihonh!
3. Tinhotonwah!



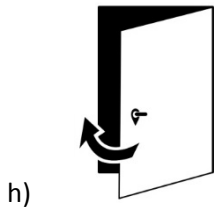
1. Tinhotonh!
2. Tias!
3. Titiarहतat!

Ta'ohit itiatierha'?

'What are we doing, the two of us?'



1. Tiyaweh!
2. Tiakwendahtonht!
3. Tiatriho'tat!

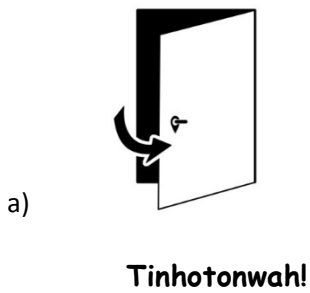


1. Tihiatonh!
2. Tinrawah!
3. Tinhotonh!



1. Tias!
2. Tinrawah!
3. Tiakwendahtonht!

No. 2 Circle *True* or *False*.



TRUE **FALSE**



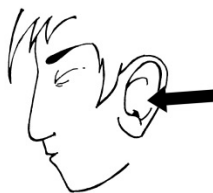
TRUE **FALSE**

c)  **TRUE** **FALSE**


Tiatienh!

d)  **TRUE** **FALSE**

Tinrawah!

e)  **TRUE** **FALSE**

Tiakahkwah!

f)  **TRUE** **FALSE**

Tia'tatenh!

No. 3 Choose the Wendat imperative that matches the English translation.

a) *'Let's sit down!'*

1. Tiyaweh!
2. Tiatienh!
3. Tinrawah!

b) *'Let's be quiet!'*

1. Tiatriho'tat!
2. Tiakwendahtonht!
3. Tia'tatenh!

c) *'Let's hurry up!'*

1. Tiastorat!
2. Titiarahtat!
3. Tihonh!

d) *'Let's write!'*

1. Tiakahkwah!
2. Tiastorat!
3. Tihatonh!

e) *'Let's run!'*

1. Titiarahtat!
2. Tiakwendahtonht!
3. Tias!

f) *'Let's open the door!'*

1. Tinhotonh!
2. Tia'tatenh!
3. Tinhotonwah!

Ta'ohitiatierha'?

'What are we doing, the two of us?'

Answer Key

No. 1 Choose the Wendat imperative that corresponds to the image.

- a) 2
- b) 2
- c) 2
- d) 2
- e) 1
- f) 3
- g) 2
- h) 3
- i) 1

No. 2 Circle *True* or *False*.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) True
- d) True
- e) False
- f) True

No. 3 Choose the Wendat imperative that matches the English translation.

- a) 2
- b) 2
- c) 1
- d) 3
- e) 1
- f) 3