

# Other Types of Commands

You may know "Makvs", "Makvks", "Makekot" & "Makvkes"

But there are so many more ways to express yourself in the language

## Exasperated "-tô"

For some speakers, this feels like you are fed up, and after asking nicely, you're exasperated

**Cvyaktô!** → Shut up / Hush up!  
**Vmvnicetô!** → Help me out already

To form: Use the 3<sup>rd</sup> person basic form of the adjective or verb and add 'tô' on the end.

'tô' has a falling tone.

## Shall we...?

A way encourage someone to do something with you, you can use this form.

**Yvhikep** → Shall we sing?  
**Apeyep** → Shall we go?

To form: Use root of the verb (the part before etv) and add 'ep' to the end.

\*Some dialects add an 'e' on the end

## Negative Advice

Besides 'ekot', you can use this form to give a negative command. However, this feels more like giving advice or caution.

**Emapohihcetcvs** → Don't listen to them  
**Hompetv okcwnwe homipetcv** →  
Don't eat salty foods

To form: Use the H-grade form of the verb, then ad 2<sup>nd</sup> person (etce), then add 'vs' at the end.

## Let him/her...

This is used to tell someone to let someone else do something.

**Efv mit hompekvs** → Let the dog eat first  
**Mary vtotkekvs** → Let Mary work

To form: Use root of the verb and then add 'ekvs' on the end.

### Let me...

If you want to tell someone to let you do something, use this form.

**Hehcinô!** → Let me look

**Vkerrihcinô** → Let me think

**Cukoce ahyinô** → Let me go to the bathroom (first)

To form: Use H-grade, then add the 1<sup>st</sup> person (i), and end with 'nô'.

'nô' has a falling tone.

### Go ahead and...

When you want to tell someone to do something in a casual way, you can use this form. It gives off the feeling of "Go ahead and..." or "Just..."

It can feel like permission or encouragement (or even egging someone on).

**Nvfkvn os** → Go ahead and hit it

**Hompvn os** → Go ahead and eat some

To form: Use root of the verb, then add 'vn' and then 'os' at the end.

'os' is a high, flat tone.

### You Must / Shall / May

To add the meaning of 'must', use 'vccvs' after the root. Rather than demanding, this feels like advice or a reminder.

**Owv eskvccvs** → You must drink water (for your health)

**Nesvccvs** → You must buy it (you're going to need it)

However, if you add 'ep' before 'vccvs' to make 'epvccvs', it means a sense of possibility. This form is like giving permission for something.

**M&Ms nesevccvs** → You may buy those M&Ms

### (How) One Should / Should Not

When telling someone how something should or should not be done, use this form.

**Mecetv towes** → That's the way to do it / One should do it [that way]

**Mecetv toko towes** → That's not the way to do it / One should not do it [that way]

To form: Use dictionary form of the verb (etv form) and then add 'towes' after it for positive or 'toko towes' after it for negative.

This form is used when asking "How to say something" in Mvskoke!