

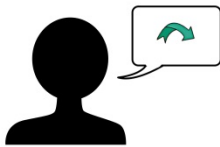
Imperative verbs: Second person dual and second person plural¹



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.



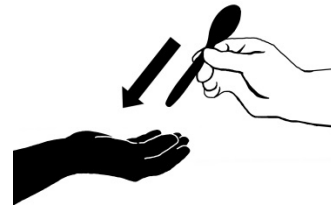
Stihonh!

'Say it!'



Tsihiatonh!

'Write it!'



Tayinonht!

'Give it to me (you two)!'

Taywānonht!

'Give it to me (all of you)!'



Tsia'tatenh!

'Stop!'



Titsihk!

'Take it!'



Tsastorat!

'Hurry up!'

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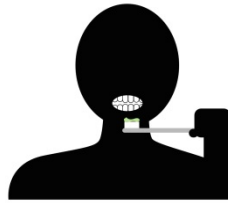
Ta'oh't itsatierha'? / Ta'oh't iskwatierha'?

'What are you two doing? / What are all of you doing?'



Tsattia'tohareh!

'Take a shower!'



Tsate'skonhchiohareh!

'Brush your teeth!'



Tsatieh!

'Sit down!'



Tsahchondiah!

'Get dressed!'



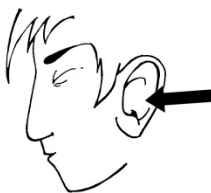
Tsahchondiawah!

'Get undressed!'



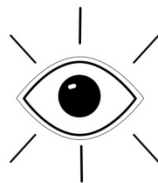
Tsakwendahtonht!

'Be quiet!'



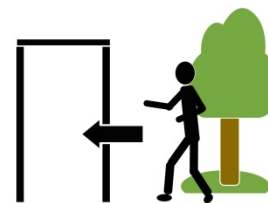
Tsatriho'tat!

'Listen!'



Tsakahkwah!

'Look!'

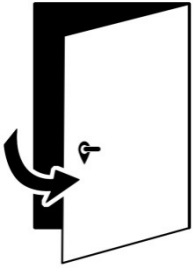


Tsionh!

'Enter!'

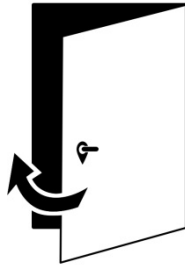
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'What are you two doing? / What are all of you doing?'



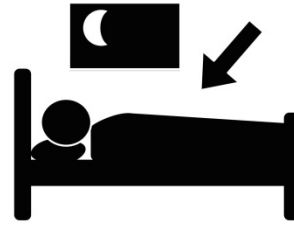
Tsinhotonwah!

'Open the door!'



Tsinhotonh!

'Close the door!'



Tsarat!

'Go to bed!'

Exercises

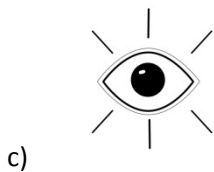
No. 1 Choose the Wendat imperative that corresponds to the image.



1. Tsastorat!
2. Tsatienh!
3. Titsihk!



1. Stihonh!
2. Tsihiatonh!
3. Tsia'tatenh!



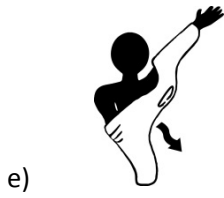
1. Tsate'skonchiohareh!
2. Tsakahkwah!
3. Tsatienh!



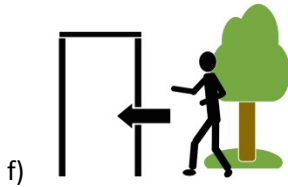
1. Tsihonh!
2. Tsastorat!
3. Tsarat!

Ta'oh't itsatierha'? / Ta'oh't iskwatierha'?

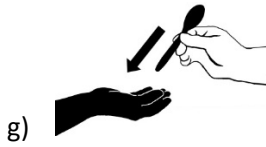
'What are you two doing? / What are all of you doing?'



1. Tsahchondiawah!
2. Stihonh!
3. Tsatia'tohareh!



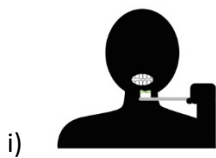
1. Tsinhotonh!
2. Stihonh!
3. Tsionh!



1. Tsarat!
2. Taywänonht!
3. Tsatriho'tat!

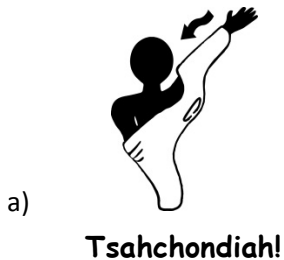


1. Tsihiatonh!
2. Titsihk!
3. Tsarat!



1. Tsate'skonhchiohareh!
2. Tsatia'tohareh!
3. Tsakwendahtonht!


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



TRUE FALSE

Ta'oh't itsatierha'? / Ta'oh't iskwatierha'?

'What are you two doing? / What are all of you doing?'

b)  **TRUE** **FALSE**

Stihonh!

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

Tsatienh!

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

Tayinonht!

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

Tsarat!

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

Tsia'tatenh!

No. 3 Choose the Wendat imperative that corresponds to the English translation.

a) *'Sit down!'*

1. Tsahchonhdiah!
2. Tsatienh!
3. Tsarat!

b) *'Be quiet!'*

1. Tsatriho'tat!
2. Tsakwendahtonht!
3. Tsia'tatenh!

c) *'Brush your teeth!'*

1. Tsinhotonh!
2. Tsate'skonhchiohareh!
3. Stihonh!

d) *'Write it!'*

1. Tsakahkwah!
2. Tsastorat!
3. Tsihiatonh!

e) *'Go to bed!'*

1. Tsarat!
2. Titsihk!
3. Taywänonht!

f) *'Open the door!'*

1. Tsinhotonh!
2. Tsia'tatenh!
3. Tsinhotonwah!

Ta'ohit itsatierha'? / Ta'ohit iskwatierha'?

'What are you two doing? / What are all of you doing?'

Answer Key

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

- a) 3
- 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) False
- e) False
- f) True

No. 3 Choose the Wendat imperative that corresponds to the English translation.

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