

Positive Phrasing Examples

<i>Instead of.....</i>	<i>Use this....</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don’t run.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “You can walk.” • “You may run on the line as much as you’d like.” • “Let’s find a safer place for you to run.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Can you get in the car?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “It’s time to get in the car.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Please carry the scissors properly.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Let me show you how to carry the scissors properly.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don’t cut her bangs!” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These scissors are for cutting flowers. We don’t have any scissors for cutting hair here.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don’t put your feet on the table.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Let’s keep our feet on the ground.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don’t cry.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I see that you’re upset.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don’t dance on the table.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “We can dance on the floor in our Casa.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Don’t interrupt.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Right now, let’s listen.” • “You can say something when Rachel is finished talking.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Please pick up the paper.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “This is a good time to pick up the paper from the floor.”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Clear your dishes, okay?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “It’s time to clear your dishes.”