

Grade 2 • Lesson 8: Arranging Commands

SYNTAX & WORD ORDER



Grammar Rule of Order

Arrange the scrambled words to form complete, clear commands.

Every command must begin with a capital letter and end with a terminal period (.).

A COMPOSE COMMANDS FROM SCRAMBLED WORDS

Rearrange each group of words into a correct command:

1. Books, close, your.

2. Boys, the, let, sing.

3. Fire, from, away, come, the.

4. Mother, thy, honor, and, father.

5. Pencil, the, desk, on, lay, the.

B ACTION VERB DISCOVERY

Write the command action verb from each sentence above:

1. [_____]

2. [_____]

3. [_____]

4. [_____]

5. [_____]

Pedagogical Purpose:

Sentence scrambles develop syntactic intuition. By reordering words into imperative sentences, pupils observe that commands typically place the root action verb in the initial position (or immediately following an auxiliary like *let*).

Section A • Correct Commands & Punctuation:

1. Close your books. (Action verb *Close*, direct object *your books*).
2. Let the boys sing. (Auxiliary imperative *Let*, followed by subject accusative and bare infinitive).
3. Come away from the fire. (Intransitive imperative *Come*, prepositional phrase *away from the fire*).
4. Honor thy father and mother. (Classical biblical precept; also acceptable: *Honor thy mother and father.*).
5. Lay the pencil on the desk. (Transitive causative verb *Lay*, direct object *the pencil*, prepositional phrase *on the desk*).

Section B • Action Verbs & Linguistic Notes:

1. Close • 2. Let (or sing) • 3. Come • 4. Honor • 5. Lay

Note on "Thy": Explain that *thy* is an archaic form of *your*, preserved in classical proverbs and literature.

Competency	Mastery (Exemplary)	Developing	Needs Guidance
Syntactic Arrangement	All 5 commands unscrambled into fluent, natural English.	4 commands arranged correctly; 1 word order error.	Multiple sentences retain scrambled order.
Initial Capitalization	All 5 sentences begin with a proper capital letter.	1 missed capital letter.	2 or more lowercase starts.
Terminal Punctuation	All 5 commands terminate cleanly with a period.	1 missing period.	Periods omitted or incorrect punctuation used.
Verb Identification	Accurately identifies all 5 core imperative verbs.	Identifies 3–4 verbs correctly.	Confuses nouns/pronouns with verbs.