

Imperatives

Balti imperatives are marked contextually. The imperative form of a verb is identical to the bare form.

(1) soŋ
go
'Go!'

(2) ŋa ɬkjelen jut k^hat̪ei duk
1SG bathe AUX awhile wait
'I am bathing, wait a minute!'

Imperatives can also be paired with the verbs /soŋ/ 'go' and /oŋ/ 'come' to form phrases such as 'Come eat!' and 'Go play!'. The verbs take the simultaneity marker /-se/ (/soŋse/ and /oŋse/ respectively) and, immediately following them, the primary verb is realized in its bare form.

(3) oŋ-se zo
come-SIM eat
'Come eat!'

(4) kjaŋ kamts^hoq jut soŋ-se ɬkjul
2SG dirty COP go- SIM bathe
'You are dirty; go bathe!'