Imperatives

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10)   Seas thusa

stand.imp.2s  2s.emp

you stand

10')  thusa, ..., seas

11)  Seasadh Iain!

stand imp3s Iain.

Let John stand up

Note: this is prescriptively correct, but Muriel does NOT like it. She would say (11')

11')  Leig leis seasamh

let   with.3sm stand.vn.

12)  Seas thusa, ... Iain.  (note Iain is ambiguous between vocative and not)

13)  a)  A Mhairi, ...,  gluais do chorragan (comma pause required)

    voc Mary,  move your fingers

b) \*Gluais a mhairi  do chorragan

c)  Gluais do chorragan, ..., a Mhairi   (comma pause required)

14)   a) Mairi, ... , gluais do chorragan   pause required

b) \* Glauis Mairi do chorragan

c) Gluais do chorragan, ..., Mairi pause required