

NSRT

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MISSION PROTOCOL AND ADDRESS

I. General Communiques

When communicating with AMAZON, it is important to remember that AMAZON can use more words when informing you than you can use when instructing it. Consult the following word list to see what words AMAZON understands.

AMAZON responds to succinct, precise commands. A verb (**FEED, SEARCH, TAKE**) should always start the command; and a noun, whether a person, a place, or a thing (**PACO, OFFICE, BOOK**), should follow the verb.

FEED PACO

SEARCH OFFICE

TAKE BOOK

If you like, you may use **THE** before a noun: (**TAKE THE BOOK**).

You should separate multiple nouns from each other using a comma or **AND**, such as:

TAKE THE BOOK AND THE LETTER.

TAKE THE BOOK, THE LETTER, AND THE BOX.

TAKE BOOK, LETTER, AND BOX.

TAKE BOOK, LETTER, BOX.

It is not necessary to end a command with a period.

You may include several separate actions in one command, but you must separate each action by a comma or the word **THEN**. For example:

TAKE THE BOOK THEN READ THE BOOK.

TAKE THE BOOK, OPEN THE BOOK, THEN READ THE BOOK.

SEARCH THE DESK, THE BOX, AND THE BIRDCAGE, THEN CLOSE THE DOOR.

Commands should not be over two typed lines in length. If longer commands are necessary, separate commands into logical sequence and press **RETURN** between them.

II. Improper Commands

Commands that make no sense to AMAZON, that are impossible under the circumstances, that utilize objects not present at the time, or that use unknown words, will elicit one of several responses. Should you encounter such a response, try a different phrase.

III. Communicating with Others

Except when entering NSRT Headquarters or with the Kemani, you cannot speak unless you are spoken to first. Converse with others by entering your remark as you would any other command: **HELLO** (Unnecessary: "HELLO" or **SAY HELLO**.)

IV. Giving Directions and Exploring

Commands for moving in any particular direction may be given in several ways. Specify directions as full sentences (**GO NORTH**), as directions (**SOUTH**), or as abbreviations (**S, N, W, E**). **UP** and **DOWN** may be abbreviated **U** and **D**.

When you come to a place you'd like to explore, enter **LOOK** for a description of your surroundings. For further details about any particular item, enter **INSPECT** (name of item) or **EXAMINE** (item).

V. Taking Inventory and Telling Time

It would be wise to check your belongings from time to time, especially when you feel you might have lost—or might soon lose—some of them. You also ought to inspect any new acquisition. Enter **INVENTORY** for a complete listing of your possessions, and, for a description of any chosen item, enter **INSPECT** (item) or **EXAMINE** (item).

While exploring the Lost City of Chak, you may learn how quickly the day is passing by entering **TIME**.