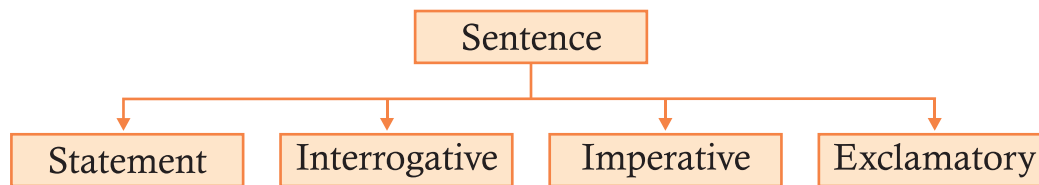


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Kinds of Sentence

A sentence is used to convey the feeling or thought of the speaker. Depending upon it, sentences can be divided into four main types. They are as under:



1. Statement (Declarative Sentence)

A Statement or Declarative Sentence say or state something.

Read the following sentences:

1. The gardener is watering the plants.
2. The children play in the park.
3. The fisherman is catching fish in the river.
4. My friends are not going for a picnic.
5. The moon has no light of its own.



Such sentences can be positive (Affirmative-Nos. 1,2 and 3) or negative (Nos. 4 and 5) in nature.

Remember : A statement begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop (.)

2. Interrogative Sentence

An Interrogative Sentence is used to ask a question.

Read the following sentences:

1. Are they waiting for the school bus?
2. Have you ever gone to Mumbai?
3. Has your friend invited you on his birthday?
4. Who is your best friend?
5. What are you doing here?



An Interrogative Sentence also begins with a capital letter but ends with a question (?) mark. An Interrogative Sentence may start with a helping verb (Nos. 1,2 and 3) or with a question word (Nos. 4 and 5).

3. Imperative Sentence

An Imperative Sentence expresses an order or command or makes a request or plea. It is also used to give suggestion, advice etc.

Read the following sentences:

1. Please share these fruits with your sister.
2. Take out your books.
3. Do not run in the sun.
4. Open the window.
5. Always help the poor and the needy.



An Imperative Sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop (.). Generally, an imperative sentence begins with a verb. The subject for such a sentence is 'You' which is implied (not written). However, for request, it starts with polite words like 'Please' or 'Kindly'.

4. Exclamatory Sentence

An Exclamatory Sentence expresses a sudden and strong feeling or emotion.

Read the following sentences:

1. Hurrah! Our school team has won the match.
2. Alas! The man is badly injured.
3. Bravo! You have played well.
4. Wow! What a beautiful bird.
5. How beautiful is the rain!



An Exclamatory Sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a mark of exclamation (!).

Note

There is another type of sentence called the 'Optative Sentence'. This type of the sentence is used to express wishes.

Read the following sentences:

1. May God bless the innocent boy.
2. May the people of this village be happy and prosperous.
3. Would that I were the Prime Minister of India.

These types of sentences mostly start with 'May' or 'Would'.

Let's Practise



A. Identify each of the following sentences and mark them as (S) for statement, (Q) for questions, (I) for Imperative and (E) for Exclamatory Sentences. Also put a proper punctuation mark at the end of each sentence:

1. The man is climbing a tree _____
2. When will you join our club _____
3. What a lovely topic for discussion _____
4. Alas the only son of the widow is dead _____
5. Are they coming in the evening _____
6. The shopkeeper is dishonest _____
7. The doctor is not in his chamber _____
8. What a tragic accident _____
9. I Shall not play the game _____
10. The children are in the park _____
11. Please give me a new pen _____
12. What a beautiful picture _____
13. Hurrah we have passed _____
14. Why are you sitting here _____
15. Do not waste your time _____

B. Change and rewrite the following sentences as directed against each. Follow the examples:

- They will wait for you. (Interrogative)
Will they wait for you?
 - It is a beautiful flower. (Exclamatory)
How beautiful the flower is!
1. The students have learnt their lesson. (Interrogative)

 2. Our team has won the match. (Exclamatory)

3. What a dreadful sight! (Statement)

4. The cat is sleeping under the chair. (Interrogative)

5. He has gone to his native village. (Interrogative)

6. Will they go for fishing tomorrow? (Statement)

7. He looks smart in his new dress. (Exclamatory)

8. The man is very honest. (Interrogative)

C. Look at the pictures on the left and write two different types of sentences alongside for each picture. Follow the example:



There is a monkey on the roof.
What is the monkey doing there?