



Sentence Types

What are Sentence Types?

There are four types of sentences in English: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. Each has a specific purpose that is detailed below.

Four Types of Sentences:

1. Declarative Sentence

The purpose of this sentence is to make a statement. It is the most common sentence in writing, and it ends with a period.

Ex: Larry ate chocolate ice cream covered with almonds.

Ex: Susan was declared class president at the pep rally.

2. Interrogative Sentence

The purpose of this sentence is to ask a question. The sentence ends with a question mark. There are two kinds of questions in English: the "yes/no" question and the "wh-" question.

- The "yes/no" question places the helping verb in a declarative sentence before the subject in the interrogative sentence.

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Ex: I can go to Jamaica this summer. (declarative)

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Can I go to Jamaica this summer? (interrogative)

- The "wh-"question begins with a question word: *who, what, when, where, why, and how*. These words always appear first in the interrogative sentence.

Ex: Who is that student?

Ex: What are Mary and Robin doing?

Ex: When will you be home?

Ex: Where is Mark going?

Ex: Why are you sad?

Ex: How does that work?

3. Imperative Sentence

The purpose of this sentence is to issue a request or command. It has no written subject; however, the subject is implied, and it is always "you."

Ex: Go to school.
(You) Go to school.

Ex: Don't drive too fast.
(You) Don't drive too fast.

4. Exclamatory Sentence

The purpose of this sentence is to express a strong feeling. Exclamatory sentences always end with an exclamation point (!).

Ex: That is an unusual color!

Ex: John sounded brilliant!

Remember:

There are four types of sentences in English. Each has a specific purpose: to make a statement, to ask a question, to issue a command, or to express a strong feeling.