

Kinds of Sentences

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Sentences are used for various purposes. We use sentences for making a statement, asking a question, ordering or requesting or expressing a strong feeling. According to their use, we have classified sentences into four types.

1. Question Sentences or Interrogative Sentences

- a. Are you coming?
- b. What is your name?
- c. Will you not play the match?

Each sentence asks a question. These sentences are called **question sentences** or **interrogative sentences**. A question sentence ends with a question mark (?) and not with a full stop.



2. Command Sentences or Imperative Sentences

- a. Be quiet.
- b. Please give me your pen.
- c. Never tell a lie.

These sentences give commands, make requests or give advice. These sentences are called **command sentences** or **imperative sentences**. Such sentences end with a full stop (.).



3. Statement Sentences or Declarative Sentences

- a. This is the picture of Mahatma Gandhi.
- b. It is raining.
- c. I stood first in the class.



These sentences neither ask questions nor give commands. They just say or state something. These sentences are called **statement sentences** or

declarative sentences. Some also call them **assertive sentences.**
A statement sentence ends with a full stop.

4. Exclamatory Sentences

- a. Hurrah! We have won the match.
- b. How beautiful this rose is!
- c. What a shame!

Hurrah! or **How beautiful this rose is!** express some strong feelings. Such sentences expressing strong feelings of joy, wonder, shame, surprise, etc. are called **exclamatory sentences.** Such sentences end with an exclamation mark (!).

Here are four statement sentences:

Statement 1 : Amit gives something to his sister.

Statement 2 : His sister asks what it is.

Statement 3 : Amit says that it is a bouquet of flowers.

Statement 4 : His sister appreciates the flowers.

The above sentences can be written as four different types of sentences, as Amit and his sister speak to each other.



Request : 1. Please accept this.

Question : 2. What is this?

Statement : 3. This is a bouquet of flowers.

Exclamatory : 4. Thanks! It's so beautiful!

EXERCISES

★ **A** ★ Write the kind of sentence against the following.

1. We are in the house.

.....Statement.....

2. Come into the house.

.....Command.....

3. Won't you come into the house?
4. What a cosy house!
5. Long live our leaders!
6. We are happy to win the match.
7. Do you have any money?
8. Don't disturb me.

.....Question.....
Exclamatory.....
Exclamatory.....
statement.....
Question.....
command.....



Rewrite the following statements as questions:

1. It is very hot today.

.....Is it very hot today?.....

2. The baby is asleep.

.....Is the baby asleep?.....

3. I have a nice pen.

.....Do I have a nice pen?.....

4. Ravana had ten heads.

.....Did Ravana have ten heads?.....

5. Elephants have big ears.

.....Do elephants have big ears?.....

6. He has a spare pencil for me.

.....Does he have a spare pencil for me?.....

7. Amit and Sumit are brothers.

.....Are Amit and Sumit brothers?.....

8. You have a headache.

.....Do you have a headache?.....



Write one sentence of each kind.

1. I purchased a new car.

(statement)

2. Are you coming tomorrow?

(question)

3. Shut the door.

(command)

4. What a lovely dress!

(exclamatory)