

Types of Sentences

Types of Sentences with Examples, Uses in English

What is a Sentence?

To express our thoughts, beliefs, ideas, or expressions, we need some groups of words arranged in a specific way that helps us to communicate easily.

In English Grammar, **A sentence is defined as a group of words containing a subject and a verb expressing the complete sense of a statement, or a question.** A **subject** in a sentence provides information about the noun and a **verb** tells about the action of the noun.

A sentence when written always begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop or question marks or exclamation marks. The use of these marks at the end of a sentence depends on the type of sentence. In this article, we will learn about different types of sentences, their examples, and how they influence the use of marks at the end of the sentence.

Types of Sentence

Different types of sentences express different emotions, and thoughts in various ways. Sentences are classified on the basis of **Function** and **structure**. If we talk about the classification of sentences on the basis of **function**, then there are mainly 4 types of sentences that describe the intention of the sentence and these are:

1. Declarative Sentence
2. Interrogative Sentence

3. Exclamatory Sentence

4. Imperative Sentence

If we talk about the classification of sentences on the basis of **structure**, i.e how many clauses are used to form a sentence, then there are also 4-types of sentences, and these are:

1. Simple sentence

2. Compound Sentence.

3. Complex sentence

4. Compound-Complex sentence.

Now, we will go through each type of sentences in more detail

Types of Sentence on the basis of Function

Declarative Sentence (Statement):

Declarative sentences are the most commonly used sentences and it is the most basic sentence among all 4-types of sentences on the basis of function. We use them to convey any message, facts, and ideas, in other words, they are used to declare something and forward the information.

In our day-to-day life, we mostly use these sentences to communicate and answer any question. To provide any information to someone, we use declarative sentences. All declarative sentences end with a period or full stop. Here are few examples of declarative sentences:

He enjoys reading these articles.

I am the boss of this company.

Adam is good at football.

You are a very good boy.

So as you can see, the above sentences are used only for providing some information and facts. These all sentences are ending with full stop also.

Interrogative Sentence (Questions):

Interrogative sentences are used to ask questions, interrogate, or to do some inquiry. It ends or is punctuated with a question mark (?). The 3-main types of questions that are covered under an interrogative sentence are:

WH- word question

Yes/No question

Now, look at these examples of how interrogative sentences are formed

Do you want to top over your pizza?

Where do you live?

What are you doing in the garden?

Are you going for some food?

Where do you prefer to visit, Chennai or Mumbai?

Exclamatory Sentence (Exclamation):

Exclamatory sentences express strong emotions such as happiness, anger, grief, sadness, etc. An exclamatory sentence always ends with a sign of exclamations (!). These sentences will be helpful in expressing inner feelings and excitement. For example,

It's a beautiful building!

We won the match yesterday!

She lost her brother in an accident!
My brother scared the hell out of me!
Wow, you have passed the exam!

Imperative Sentence (Commands)

Imperative sentences are used to give some command, order, or instructions, or to make any request. These types of sentences generally end with a full stop. When there is any strong emotion involved while making a request or giving any command then in that case imperative sentence will end with a mark of exclamations (!) Look and observe these examples on imperative sentences:

Shut the door, please!
Don't go outside in the afternoon.
Switch off the light, please!
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