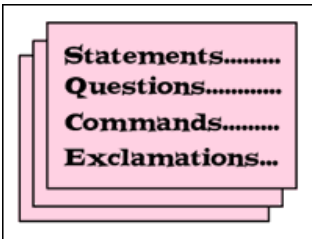


# English

## Sentences

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## What is a Sentence?



When a group of words are put together to mean something or make complete sense, it is called a

sentence. It expresses a complete thought and follows grammar rules of syntax. It has a [subject](#) and a main [verb](#).

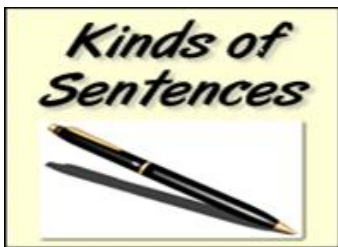
### Example:

- like I balloons blue (makes no sense).
- **I like blue balloons** (makes complete sense and is therefore a sentence).

## Kinds of Sentences

The sentences classified by purpose are:

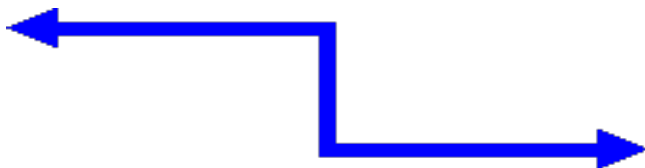
- Declarative



- Interrogative

- Imperative

- Exclamatory



## Declarative or Assertive Sentence



A declarative sentence makes a statement or states a fact. It states, asserts or declares something. It is not

a command, an [exclamation](#) or a question. The base form of a sentence is always declarative i. e. states an idea. It is modified to form a question or a command. This is the most common kind of sentence and ends with a period. It consists of a subject and a [predicate](#). Another name for a declarative sentence is assertive.

**Example:**

- Her name is Priya.
- Dhaka is the capital of Bangladesh.

## Interrogative Sentence



An interrogative sentence is used to ask questions. It ends with a question mark and asks for information or for confirmation or denial. It begins with question words like what, how, do, can, would.



**Example:**

- Do you know Latin?
- How can I help you?

### Four kinds of interrogative sentences:

a) Yes and no.

**Example:** Have you read Harry Potter?

b) Alternative interrogative



Example: **Would you like tea or coffee?**

c) Wh- word interrogative that elicits an open ended response.

Example: **What is the matter?**

d) Tag questions that are tagged onto the end of a declarative sentence.

Example: **Trina loves macaroni, doesn't she?**

## Imperative Sentence



This can give anything from command /order to request/instruction. They need an audience

and are more intentional. The aim is to make the person who is being addressed to do or not do something. An imperative sentence ends with a period or exclamation point. These sentences are used to issue orders. [Tag questions](#) are sometimes added to the end of the imperatives. Here the main verb is in the base form.

Example:

- **Please pass the pepper.**
- **Move out of my way.**

## Exclamatory Sentence



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This sentence says something that is out of ordinary. It expresses a strong emotion and is released because of it. An exclamatory sentence can manifest itself in one or two words or in a full sentence. It ends with an exclamatory mark and can be used to show anger, happiness, love or any other emotion.

Example:

- **Wow!**
- **What an idea!**
- **This is just incredible!**

## **What is the difference between a declarative sentence and an interrogative sentence?**

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