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Types of Sentences in English

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Introduction

Types of Sentences: The sentence is the most important part of the English language. In the English language, there are 4 different types of sentences. To be a good communicator one must know all the types of sentences because if one uses a similar form of the sentence throughout the speech or writing then it will become uninteresting. So, to make your speech interesting we are here to teach you different types of sentences. In this article, you will learn different types of sentences with examples.

Types of Sentences: What is a Sentence?

A sentence is a group of words that conveys a complete idea. Complete sentences must have at least one subject and predicate, and the predicate contains a verb. A subject is what we talk of and the predicate describes the subject. Complete sentences start with a capital letter, and they end with a punctuation mark such as a period, exclamation point, or question mark depending on the type of sentence.

Types of Sentences with Definition

Four types of sentences are in the English language: declarative, interrogatives, imperatives and exclamations. Using different sentences in your writing will increase your interest and help you communicate your ideas effectively. Read the explanations and examples of each type of sentence to get the point.

Types of Sentences with Examples

1. Declarative Types of sentences (statement)

A declarative statement or assertive sentence is the most basic type of statement. They are meant to convey information and are separated by periods. A simple declarative statement allows you to create basic statements such as:

I am a teacher.

There is a white palace.

The cat is sleeping on the sofa.

She likes the blue colour.

Note:- Declarative sentence always ends with a period (full stop).

2. Interrogative Types of sentences (question)

Interrogative sentences are used to ask questions. Questions can be of any type. These are the direct questions separated by the question mark. For example:-

Why are you going there?

Do you love to play cricket?

What do you want; chocolate or ice cream?

Can I come with you?

3. Imperative Types of sentences (commands and requests)

Imperative sentences are used for commands, requests or orders. They can be in any form like direct order, general advice or polite request. Many imperative sentences are separated by period but sometimes more forceful commands end with an exclamation mark. For example:-

Sit down!

Please give me a glass of water.

Pick up the garbage when you go.

Don't make noise!

4. Exclamatory types of sentences (exclamation)

An exclamation is a sentence that is used to express a sudden strong feeling and ends with an exclamation mark. Similar to declarative statements in that they provide information, but end with an exclamation point instead of a period. For example:-

Hurrah! India won the match.

Wow, how good this is!

How beautifully she has drawn the painting!

How he lied!...

Types of Sentences based on Structure

If we read about the classification of sentences on the basis of structure, then there are also 4-types of sentences, and these are:

Simple sentence

Compound Sentence.

Complex sentence

Compound-Complex sentence.

Now, we will read each type of sentences in more detail

Selecting the Right type of Sentence

Using the correct type of sentence in your writing depends on your intent.

To communicate information, use a declarative sentence.

To get the answer of any question, use an interrogative sentence.

To tell someone what to do, use imperative sentence.

To express your feelings, sudden emotions, use exclamatory sentence....

Types of Sentences: Exercises

Q.1 Look at the following sentences and check whether Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative or Exclamatory.

1. Do you drink juice daily?
2. Stars are twinkling in the sky.
3. Ah! What a lovely garden.
4. Let us go for a cricket match.
5. Let us go to watch a movie.
6. The train is not departing on time.
7. Where has she gone?
8. Call in the doctor please.
9. Kindly lend me some money.
10. I like this flower.

Q.2 Rewrite these type of sentence as indicated in the bracket.

1. It is a lovely scenery. (Exclamatory)
2. Bravo! you have played well. (Assertive)
3. She did not dance well. (Interrogative)
4. Will you lend me some money? (Imperative)
5. Show me the road to go out. (Interrogative)...