

# The 4 types of **Sentence**

1 declarative. statement.

2 interrogative? question?

3 imperative. command!

4 exclamative! exclamation!

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*declarative, interrogative,  
imperative, exclamative*

He **stopped.**

Did he **stop?**

**Stop!**

How he **stopped!**

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# 1. Declarative Sentence (statement)

Declarative sentences make a **statement**. They tell us something. They give us information, and they normally end with a full-stop/period.

The usual word order for the declarative sentence is:

- subject + verb...

Declarative sentences can be positive or negative. Look at these examples:

positive	negative
I like coffee.	I do not like coffee.
We watched TV last night.	We did not watch TV last night.

Declarative sentences are the most common type of sentence.

# 2. Interrogative Sentence (question)

Interrogative sentences ask a **question**. They ask us something. They want information, and they always end with a question mark.

The usual word order for the interrogative sentence is:

- (*wh-word* +) auxiliary + subject + verb...

Interrogative sentences can be positive or negative. Look at these examples:

positive	negative
Do you like coffee?	Don't you like coffee?
Why did you go?	Why didn't you go?

### 3. Imperative Sentence (command)

Imperative sentences give a **command**. They tell us to do something, and they end with a full-stop/period (.) or exclamation mark/point (!).

The usual word order for the imperative sentence is:

- base verb...

Note that there is usually no subject—because the subject is understood, it is *YOU*.

Imperative sentences can be positive or negative. Look at these examples:

positive	negative
Stop!	Do not stop!
Give her coffee.	Don't give her coffee.

### 4. Exclamative Sentence (exclamation)

Exclamative sentences express strong emotion/surprise—an **exclamation**—and they always end with an exclamation mark/point (!).

The usual word order for the exclamative sentence is:

- *What* (+ adjective) + noun + subject + verb
- *How* (+ adjective/adverb) + subject + verb

Look at these examples:

- What a liar he is!
- What an exciting movie it was!
- How he lied!
- How exciting the movie was!

	<b>form</b>	<b>function</b>	<b>example sentence (clause)</b>	<b>final punctuation</b>
1	<b>declarative</b>	<b>statement:</b> It tells us something	John likes Mary.	.
2	<b>interrogative</b>	<b>question:</b> It asks us something	Does Mary like John?	?
3	<b>imperative</b>	<b>command:</b> It tells us to do something	Stop! Close the door.	! or .
4	<b>exclamative</b>	<b>exclamation:</b> It expresses surprise	What a funny story he told us!	!

# Mini Quiz



1. Which sentence type is the most common?

- declarative
- imperative
- exclamative

2. "Who came to the party?" Which sentence type is used?

- interrogative
- imperative
- exclamative

3. Which sentence type does not usually use a subject?

- declarative
- imperative
- interrogative