

Types of sentences

There are four basic types of sentences in English.

Statement

It is raining today.

Question

Where is my bookbag?

Exclamation

What large eyes you have!

Command

Stir the sauce gently.

Statement

A statement sentence tells us something. It will always end in a full stop. It is the most common type of sentence.

Tim likes going to the funfair.

He eats candyfloss.

The fair opens at 10 o'clock.

These are all statements. In fact every sentence on this page is a statement.

Statement

Tell me a fact about this picture. Now write it down in a sentence. Now try write another statement about this picture.



Statement

There are lots of statements we could write about this picture. Are any of yours similar to these?



The children are having fun.

A red roller coaster is whizzing along the metal tracks.

Children are waving their arms in the air.

Question

A question sentence asks us something. It will always end in a question mark.



Can I go to the fun fair?

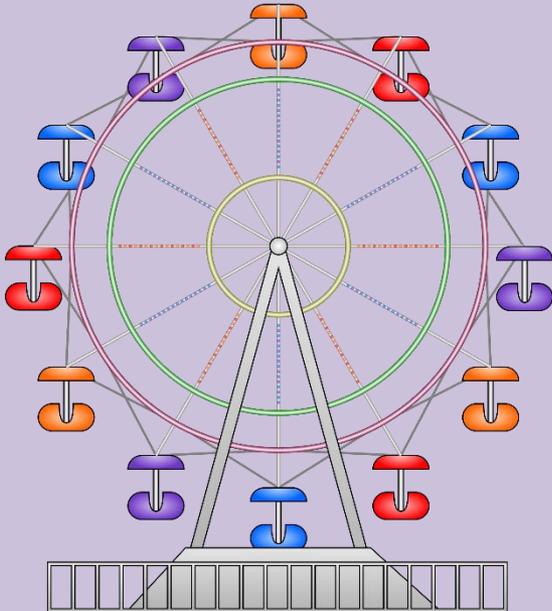
What time does the fair open?

How much will it cost?

These are all questions.
Questions need an answer as
they are asking something.

Question

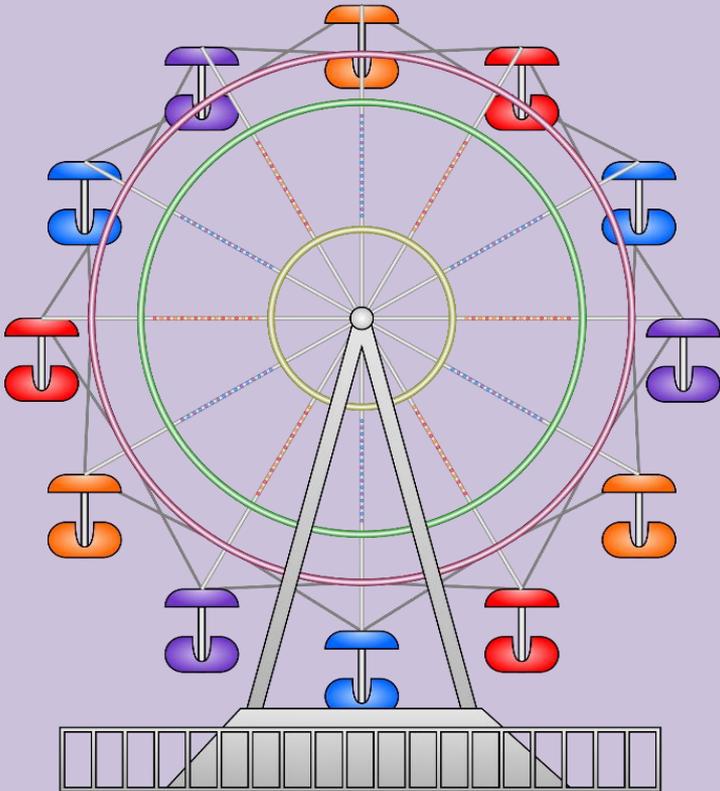
Ask me a question about this picture. What other information would you like to know? Now write your question down. Don't forget the question mark at the end of your sentence.



If you are stuck try using one of these words to start your sentence: **why, where, what, when, who** or **how**.

Question

There are lots of questions we could write about this picture. Are any of yours similar to these?



Where can I find a Ferris wheel?

How high will it go?

Will it be scary?

Who will go with me?

Command

A command is when you are telling someone to do something. A command sentence often starts with a verb. They can end in a full stop or an exclamation mark.



Enjoy yourself at the fair.

Do not run near the rides.

Scream as loud as you like!

Command

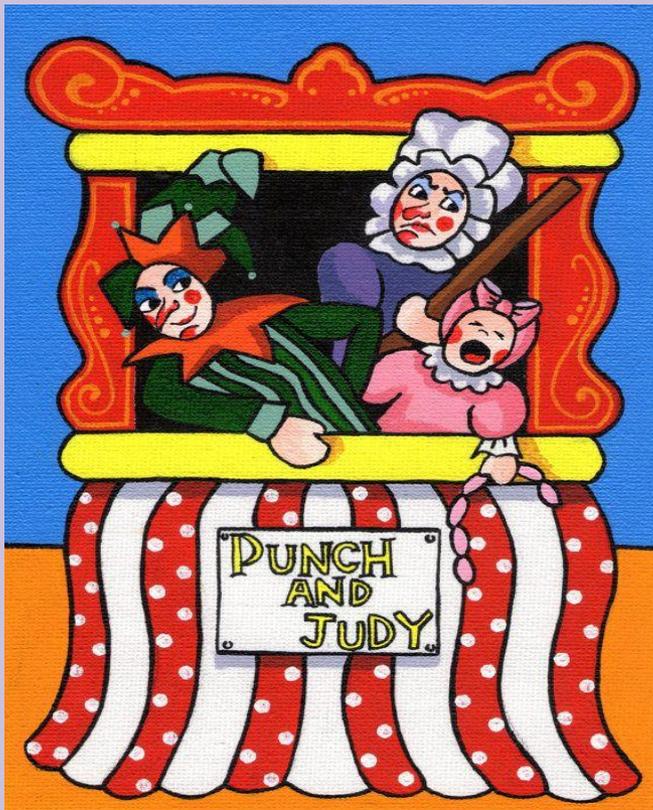
What would you tell the characters in this puppet show to do?



Here are some bossy verbs (imperative verbs) that may help you start your sentence: **stop, listen, run** or **go**.

Commands

There are lots of commands we could write about this picture. Are any of yours similar to these?



Stop crying.

Run away before you get hit!

Listen to that baby squeal.

Go away!

Exclamation

An exclamation sentence tells us something but with strong feeling. They show things like surprise, anger or wonder at something. It will always end in an exclamation mark and always starts with either **what** or **how**. **Not all sentences ending in exclamation marks are exclamation sentences though!**



How exciting the funfair is!

What a colourful place this is!

How annoying the ride is closed!

Exclamation

Try and write an exclamation sentence about this picture.



If you are stuck, use these frames.

What _____ this is!

How annoying _____!

Make sure there is a verb in your sentence.

Exclamation

Did you write an exclamation sentence of your own?
Here are two using the frame.



What hard work this game is!

How annoying it is when the blocks
keep jumping back up!

To check you have written an
exclamation sentence and not a
question, make sure there is no
answer needed.