

Reading and writing different forms of sentence



Questions, statements,
exclamations and commands

Questions

A sentence is a **question** when it asks the reader something.

What time is it?

Where are we going?

Do you like monsters?

Will you bring your monster to school?



Questions often begin with special **'question words'**.

where

what

when

why

which

how

Questions

When we ask a question we use a special 'question voice' and our voices go up a bit at the end of the sentence.

Try reading these questions out loud:

Did you see a monster at my house?

Is it a dangerous monster?

How long has it been there?

All questions end with a question mark.



?



Statements

A sentence is a **statement** when it simply gives the reader some information.

Statements end with a full stop.



My name is Sunitha.

I think a monster has chosen to visit me.

The monster lies in the sun.



Questions and Statements

Read these sentences. For each one, say whether it is a **question** or a **statement**.



The monster is hanging around.

Statement

Why's he doing that?

Question

Will he hurt me?

Question

No, he only eats soap, I think.

Statement





Exclamations

Exclamations or **exclamatory statements** are a special kinds of sentence that are said with extra feeling and force.

They often begin with these words:

What

How

Or make use of phrases like...

such a...

just so...

What a scary monster!

How frightening!

It has such big teeth!

Just fancy it being here!



**Exclamations
end with !**



Commands

A sentence is a **command** when it is bossy and gives an order or an instruction.



Commands begin with bossy verbs.

Come over here now.

Ignore the monster.

Stop skipping indoors.

Don't shout!

Commands mostly end with a full stop.

Occasionally they end with !



Exclamations and Commands

Read these sentences out loud. Say whether they are **exclamations** or **commands**. Don't forget to use the right kind of voice!



Command

Sit still and stop wriggling!

Exclamation

What a terrifying monster!

Exclamation

How scared I was!

Command

Make it go away.



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