

Unit 1: Subjects, Predicates, and Sentences

Lesson 1

Kinds of Sentences: Declarative and Interrogative

A group of words that expresses a complete thought is a **sentence**. All sentences begin with a capital letter. A **declarative sentence** makes a statement. It ends with a period. An **interrogative sentence** asks a question. It ends with a question mark.

Florida summers are very hot. (declarative)

Are summers in Florida very hot? (interrogative)

▶ **Exercise 1** Write in the blank *dec.* (declarative) if the sentence makes a statement or *int.* (interrogative) if the sentence asks a question.

- int. Can you help me with my algebra?
- dec 1. I'm going swimming today. / 40
- int 2. Is the president addressing the nation on television tonight?
- dec 3. My grandfather was an army sergeant.
- dec 4. Mitchell plans to audition for the choir.
- dec 5. Margaret bought this dress in Mexico.
- int 6. Claire, will you help me practice my lines?
- int 7. Are you going to camp this summer?
- dec 8. You are good at solving puzzles.
- int 9. How long did it take you to read *The Red Badge of Courage*?
- dec 10. Our soccer team won the league championship.
- dec 11. The butterfly slowly unfolded its wings.
- dec 12. The wind knocked down a large tree.
- int 13. Have you met the new teacher yet?
- int 14. Which wrestlers won their matches?
- dec 15. The title of the mystery novel was misleading.

- dec 16. Kyle pulled the burrs out of Queenie's matted hair.
- int 17. What is the weather forecast for tomorrow?
- int 18. Has anyone seen my blue folder?
- int 19. Are snowflakes all the same shape?
- int 20. Do you and your friends appreciate the same kinds of music?

► **Exercise 2 Punctuate each of the following sentences with a period or question mark.**

The new car is midnight blue.

1. Have you met Danielle yet ?
2. Who is hungry ?
3. This computer doesn't work .
4. The fire engines roared past us .
5. Suzanne wandered home from school .
6. Did Clyde get the part he wanted in the musical comedy ?
7. The desk was cluttered with all kinds of papers .
8. Janice and Shawna went to the movies last night .
9. Will you put up a new bulletin board ?
10. Will Pablo know what to do ?
11. Paula opened the door carefully .
12. Can you hear the music from the auditorium ?
13. Does anyone here know Italian ?
- ~~14.~~ Akira does not like to read mysteries .
15. Did you read the entire book last night ?
16. Could everyone stay seated until we're finished ?
17. How much would this famous painting be worth ?
18. The clouds gave way to sunshine .
19. What made the dog bark ?
20. The window blinds are closed .

Lesson 2

Kinds of Sentences: Exclamatory and Imperative

A sentence may do more than express a statement or ask a question. An **exclamatory sentence** expresses a strong emotion. It ends with an exclamation point. An **imperative sentence** gives a command or makes a request. It ends with a period.

Look out! (strong emotion)

Don't forget the party Saturday. (command)

Please mail these letters on your way to Janet's house. (request)

► **Exercise 1** Write in the blank *exc.* (exclamatory) if the sentence expresses a strong feeling. Write *imp.* (imperative) if the sentence gives a command or makes a request. Add a period or an exclamation point as needed.

imp. Remember to keep your eyes on the ball at all times.

imp 1. Don't stay up too late.

exc 2. What a terrific day we had at the zoo!

exc or imp 3. Watch out for that low branch. *or !*

imp 4. Tell me more about your fishing trip.

exc or imp 5. Don't run in the halls. *or !*

imp 6. Buy more glue when you go to the store.

imp 7. Clean up your desk, please.

imp 8. Let's go watch the parade.

exc 9. That muddy dog just stole my hamburger!

imp 10. Try to solve the puzzle before the contestant does.

imp 11. Let the baby sleep.

exc 12. Oh, you just sat in some wet paint!

imp 13. Feed the dog at the same time every day.

imp 14. Turn in your book report next week.

exc 15. I can't wait until Grandma gets here!

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- imp 16. Go to sleep .
- imp 17. Walk through the flower bed carefully .
- excl or imp 18. Speak louder ! or .
- exc 19. I have never felt so frightened !
- imp 20. Play that song again .
- imp 21. Be home by ten o'clock .
- imp 22. Wait for me at the corner ,
- imp 23. Put more paint on the other side .
- imp 24. Don't cross the street against the light .
- imp 25. Wait for an hour before you go swimming ,
- exc 26. That's my favorite song !
- imp 27. Put on some mosquito repellent .
- imp 28. Walk quickly to the nearest exit ,
- exc 29. This movie is funny !
- exc 30. I never even saw the ball !
- imp 31. Answer the phone politely .
- exc 32. I aced the test !
- imp 33. Please come to our party .
- exc 34. You did a great job !
- exc 35. I lost my keys !
- imp 36. Be sure to remember your umbrella .
- imp 37. Be careful going down the stairs .
- imp 38. Bring a Number 2 pencil to class .
- imp 39. Watch how I do this .
- exc 40. This food is delicious !