## Sentence types: statements, questions, commands, exclamations and negative sentences

**Statements** simply give information. **Example:** The dog is wet.

Questions ask something. Example: Is the dog wet?

**Commands** are orders or instructions. **Example:** Wet the dog.

**Exclamations** express strong emotions. **Example:** The dog wet me!

**Negative sentences** allow us to say "no" to something or deny something using the words *no* and *not*. **Example:** I did not wet the dog.



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	a)	I don't like biltong	
	b)	Did you polish your shoes?	
	c)	Pass me the ball!	
	d)	You are late!	
	e)	No, I didn't go for a swim	
2. Chan		ange the following statement into the sentence types below	
	The radio has been turned down.		
	a)	Command:	
	b)	Negative:	
	c)	Exclamation:	
	d)	Question:	
3.	Ch	ange the following question into the sentence types below:	
	Dic	Did you clean your room?	
	a)	Exclamation:	
	b)	Command:	

c) Negative: \_\_\_\_\_

d) Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

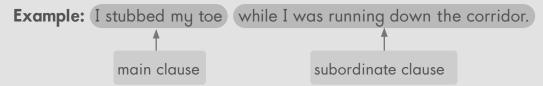
1. Read the sentences below and write what type of sentence



## **Complex sentences**

A **complex sentence** is made up of a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

Main clauses and subordinate clauses both have a finite verb but only the main clause can stand on its own as a sentence. While a subordinate clause has a finite verb, the clause cannot be a sentence on its own because it is not a complete thought.



- I. Underline the main clauses in the sentences below. Circle the subordinate clauses in each sentence.
  - a) We stayed up all night watching films although we were all tired.
  - b) The dogs barked at the gate even though I called them inside.
  - c) The cheerleaders screamed loudly when the relay teams rounded the final bend.
  - d) I will need to get braces if I want to have straight teeth.
  - e) Many parents enjoyed the school play however the principal did not.
  - f) The game ranger drove while we spotted the animals.
  - g) We wanted to see the concert but we arrived too late.
  - h) Because my food was cold, I warmed it in the microwave.
- 2. Identify if the following sentences are compound or complex sentences. Write the type of sentence on the answer line.
  - a) David did well in his project but Vinesh did better.
  - b) We went swimming in spite of the cold wind that was blowing.
  - c) Bella and Molly both love chicken but Mpho loves beef.
  - d) My neighbour gets angry because I play loud music. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) Whenever I get into trouble my mom makes me wash the dishes. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) Carlos jammed popcorn in his mouth then tried to eat it all.

