

Types of sentences

Statements are sentences that give us information. They end in a full stop (.).

Examples: The boy reads the book. He reads in his room. He reads often.

Exclamations are sentences that show strong emotions such as surprise, happiness, anger or fear. These sentences end in an exclamation mark (!). Exclamations are often used in advertisements or notices. Exclamations may include interjections which are words such as *wow*, *yay*, *ouch* or *oh no*.

Examples: I was so pleased! Wow! It was really scary! No ways!

Commands are sentences that give orders or instructions. Commands that include polite instructions/requests have a full stop (.) at the end. Commands that give urgent orders often end in an exclamation mark (!).

Examples: Put the book on the shelf. (polite command)
Stop reading right now! (order)

1. Identify the statements (S), exclamations (E) and commands (C) below. Write the correct letter in the brackets and add the correct punctuation mark to the end of each sentence. The first one has been done for you.

- a) (E) Yay, we are going to the Kruger National Park!
- b) () Wait for the game ranger.
- c) () Watch out, a lion.
- d) () Put the torch in the truck.
- e) () There are about 350 different animals in the reserve.

2. Punctuate this diary extract. Add full stops after statements and exclamation marks after exclamations.

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I was so frustrated. The bus was late again. I *hate* getting to school late. I missed the first lesson of the day three times last week. Eish. The driver told me it's not his fault.

3. Underline the commands that give orders in the notice in the margin.



Note

The subject is often left out in a command.

Park here for the school fete.

Please lock cars carefully.

NO parking on any lawns!

Please take your valuables with you.

Exit by 5.00 p.m. latest!

NO overnight parking!

Questions

We use **questions** to ask for information. Questions end in a question mark (?). We often use the interrogative pronouns *who*, *what*, *which* and *whose* to ask questions. Other words we often use to ask questions include *where*, *when*, *why* and *how*.

Examples: Who reads books? What book is the boy reading? Where is the boy reading?

How
When
What
Do
Who

1. Use the correct question words from the margin to complete the questions below.
 - a) _____ you like cheese and ham sandwiches?
 - b) _____ makes your sandwiches?
 - c) _____ do you put on your sandwiches?
 - d) _____ often do you make sandwiches for lunch?
 - e) _____ do you make your sandwiches?

why
what
where
which
when

2. Fill in the correct question words from the margin to complete the paragraph below.

The thing I want to know is _____ must we leave so early?
_____ does the library actually open? _____ will we do
if we get there too early? That reminds me, _____ is the
entrance? _____ street do we have to go to?
3. The words in each question below are jumbled. Write the words in the correct order. Remember to include the correct punctuation. The first one has been done for you.
 - a) your uniform is blue. Is your uniform blue?
 - b) you do go how to school.

 - c) do you go to school where

 - d) your teacher who is

 - e) your favourite subject what is
