

# Types of Sentence



## Introduction

A sentence is a group of words that makes complete sense.

### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said his country was committed to bring 26/11 perpetrators to justice.
- ❖ India has already expressed its disappointment with Islamabad's indifferent response in bringing the 26/11 masterminds to justice.
- ❖ The Congress faced a massive defeat in Bihar polls, winning only four seats. The above given group of words make complete sense. Therefore, they are called sentences.



## Kinds of Sentences

Sentences can be divided into five kinds. They are the following:

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Statement   | (or Assertive Sentence)     |
| 2. Question    | (or interrogative Sentence) |
| 3. Command     | (or imperative Sentence)    |
| 4. Exclamation | (or Exclamatory Sentence)   |
| 5. Optative    | (or Optative Sentence)      |



### Assertive or Statement

An assertive sentence is a sentence that states a fact. Such sentences are simple statements. They state, assert, or declare something.

### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ The logjam in the Parliament over various incidents of corruption has gone on for 11 days.
- ❖ India created history by recording their best-ever performance in Common Wealth Games with 101 medals.
- ❖ India emerged from the track and field events with five gold, two silver and four bronze medals.

The above given sentences state a fact. Therefore, they are assertive sentences.



### Interrogative Sentence

An interrogative sentence is a type of sentence which usually asks a question and uses a question mark (?). They may ask for information or for confirmation or denial of a statement. They begin with a question word such as what, who, or how, or a helping verb such as do/does, can or would.

### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ Which team beat Thailand to clinch the inaugural women's kabaddi gold in the Asian Games?
- ❖ Did their apprehensions were genuine?

- ❖ Are you eyeing the first rank in the engineering exam?

The above given sentences asks questions. Therefore, they are interrogative sentences.



## Imperative Sentence

An imperative sentence is the sentence, which expresses commands, advice, and suggestions. The second person 'you' is always addressed in the imperative sentences. It is generally hidden.

### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ Don't pluck flowers, as they enhance the beauty of nature.
- ❖ Drink eight glasses of water daily, as it is very conducive to health.
- ❖ Never tease the poor and the weak.

The above given sentences refer to order, advice, suggestion, etc. Therefore, they are imperative sentences. Subject 'you' is hidden in these sentences.



## Exclamatory Sentence

An exclamatory sentence is a sentence that expresses strong or sudden feelings. It always ends with an exclamatory mark.

### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ No, you cannot force me to go from here! (Anger)
- ❖ I don't want to call you again and again! (Frustration)
- ❖ India won 37 gold medals in the Common Wealth Games! (Happiness)
- ❖ I can't find the correct answer! (Confusion)

The above given sentences express anger, frustration, happiness and confusion. Therefore, they are exclamatory sentences. Following is the list of exclamatory words:

Wow!	Brilliant!	Awesome!	Ouch!
Amazing!	Bravo!	Fantastic!	Tremendous!
Sheesh!	Hurrah!	Alas!	Magnificent!
Unbelievable			



## Optative Sentence

The sentence which expresses wish, desire or pray is called an Optative Sentence.

### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ May God bless the poor!
- ❖ May this country be prosperous!
- ❖ May the baby live long!
- ❖ May God give wealth to him!
- ❖ Wish you a very Happy New Year!

The above given sentences express wish, desire or pray. Therefore, they are called optative sentences.

## Commonly Asked QUESTIONS

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*Identify the kind of sentence in the following questions:*

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**The Programme was slated to begin at 6.30 pm.**

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|----------------|-------------------|
| (A) Assertive  | (B) Interrogative |
| (C) Imperative | (D) Exclamatory   |
| (E) Optative   |                   |

**Answer: (a)**

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**May god bless you with first division in Board exams!**

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|----------------|-------------------|
| (A) Assertive  | (B) Interrogative |
| (C) Imperative | (D) Exclamatory   |
| (E) Optative   |                   |

**Answer: (e)**

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## Types of Sentences as Per Structure



### Simple Sentences

A simple sentence is also called an independent clause. It contains a subject and a verb, and expresses a complete thought.

#### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ Few students like to study at night.
- ❖ India plays an important role in promoting peace.
- ❖ India is an emerging power.

The above given sentences express complete thought. They are simple sentences.



### Compound Sentences

A compound sentence contains two independent clauses joined by a coordinator.

The coordinators are: and, for, so, or, nor, but, etc.

#### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ I try to speak English and my friend Steve speaks French.
- ❖ James was busy in his work so Serena did not disturb him.
- ❖ He is interested to take part in the game but his parents forbade him.

In the above given sentences, each sentence contains two independent clauses which are joined by a coordinator.



## Complex Sentences

A complex sentence has an independent clause joined by one or more dependent clauses. A complex sentence always has a subordinator such as because, since, after, although, or a relative pronoun such as that, who, or which.

### Illustrative EXAMPLE



- ❖ When he handed in his homework, he forgot to give the teacher the last page.
- ❖ The teacher returned the homework after noticing the error.
- ❖ The students are studying because they have a test tomorrow.
- ❖ After finishing work, Steve and Smith went to the movie.

## Commonly Asked

### QUESTIONS

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*Identify the kind of sentence in the following questions:*

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**There are three kinds of sentences.**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| (A) Simple        | (B) Compound     |
| (C) Complex       | (D) All of these |
| (E) None of these |                  |

**Answer: (a)**

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**Steve and Smith went to the movie after finishing their work.**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| (A) Simple        | (B) Compound     |
| (C) Complex       | (D) All of these |
| (E) None of these |                  |

**Answer: (c)**

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## SUMMARY



- ❖ A group of words which makes complete sense is called a Sentence.
- ❖ The words in a sentence are placed in their proper order to make complete sense.
- ❖ Five types of sentences are Assertive, Interrogative, Imperative, Exclamatory and Optative.
- ❖ There are three types of sentences based on structure. They are Simple, Compound and Complex.
- ❖ A question begins with either a helping verb (is, am, are, was, were, has, have, had, do, does, did, can, will, shall, may, etc. ) or a question word ( what, where, how, when, whom, which, why, etc.)

# Self Evaluation **TEST**



Duration  
10 Minutes

*Read the sentences carefully and choose the kind of sentence:*



**In 1973, a stallion made headlines when it became the first racehorse in 25 years to win the Triple Crown.**

- (A) Assertive
- (B) Interrogative
- (C) Imperative
- (D) Exclamatory
- (E) Optative



**What a ridiculous attitude he has!**

- (A) Assertive
- (B) Interrogative
- (C) Imperative
- (D) Exclamatory
- (E) Optative



**Go away from here.**

- (A) Assertive
- (B) Interrogative
- (C) Imperative
- (D) Exclamatory
- (E) Optative



**May god make you a man!**

- (A) Assertive
- (B) Interrogative
- (C) Imperative
- (D) Exclamatory
- (E) Optative



**According to urban development department officials, several papers from the 10 files on scam-ridden Adarsh housing society in Mumbai were missing, police said.**

- (A) Assertive
- (B) Interrogative
- (C) Imperative
- (D) Exclamatory
- (E) Optative



**The commander commanded his soldiers to march forward.**

- (A) Assertive
- (B) Interrogative
- (C) Imperative
- (D) Exclamatory
- (E) Optative

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***Identify the sentences on the basis of their structure:***

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**Because I left the play early, I missed the surprise ending.**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| (A) Simple        | (B) Compound     |
| (C) Complex       | (D) All of these |
| (E) None of these |                  |
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**Steve was invited to a party but it was cancelled.**

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|-------------|------------------|
| (A) Simple  | (B) Compound     |
| (C) Complex | (D) All of these |
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**Since we bought our new car, the prices have gone up dramatically.**

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| (A) Simple        | (B) Compound     |
| (C) Complex       | (D) All of these |
| (E) None of these |                  |
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**My father and mother are going to America.**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| (A) Simple        | (B) Compound     |
| (C) Complex       | (D) All of these |
| (E) None of these |                  |
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# Self Evaluation Test

## SOLUTIONS



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### *Explanation for selected Questions*

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1. An assertive sentence is a sentence that states a fact. Therefore option (A) is correct and rest of the options is incorrect.
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2. An exclamatory sentence is a sentence that expresses strong or sudden feelings. Therefore option (D) is correct and rest of the options is incorrect.
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4. The sentence which expresses wish, desire or pray is called an optative sentence. Therefore, option (E) is correct and rest of the options is incorrect.
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7. A complex sentence always has a subordinator such as because, since, after, although, or a relative pronoun. Therefore option (C) is correct and rest of the option is incorrect.
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8. A compound sentence contains two independent clauses joined by a coordinator, such as, and, for, so, or, nor, but, etc. Therefore option (B) is correct and rest of the options is incorrect.
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#### Answer

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