

Read the chapter ‘The Sentence’ of your textbook given below and attempt exercise A to exercise F in your notebook.

The Sentence

In this chapter, learn:

- the grammatical nature of a sentence
- to classify sentences based on their structure and meaning
- to punctuate different types of sentences
- to turn one type of sentence into another

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What Is a Sentence?

Read the groups of words in the table below and compare those in column A with the ones in column B.

A	B
1. Rachna school	1. Sri Lanka is an island.
2. when the grasshopper	2. Meenu has three T-shirts.
3. Sri Lanka island an is	3. My brother likes cold coffee.
4. likes brother cold coffee my	4. Where is Nagaland?

All four groups of words in column A are meaningless. But all the groups of words in column B make sense. They are sentences.

A sentence is a group of words that makes complete sense. It has a unity, stands independently and expresses a clear meaning.

A sentence must contain an action word, or verb. Sentences also contain a subject, or the doer of the action. Some sentences include an object, that is, the person or thing that undergoes the action.

Cheetahs **run** fast.

Cheetahs **chase** deer.

Sentences begin with a capital letter. They end with a full stop (.), a question mark (?) or an exclamation mark (!).

Grammar Point

The most important word in a sentence is the verb.

Besides the verb, a sentence can have other parts like a subject, an object, a complement and one or more adverbials.

subject doer of the action

verb action

object thing that undergoes the action

A

EXERCISE

Tick the groups of words that are sentences and cross out the ones which are not.

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| 1. Swimming is a good exercise. | 6. Is it a sword? |
| 2. Mylapore Chennai is in. | 7. Wet and green lawn. |
| 3. Plastic cups. | 8. Far away from Neelima's house. |
| 4. Grace is seventeen years old. | 9. Light paperweight! |
| 5. Into the tub. | 10. One of Sankuram's parrots is dead. |

B

EXERCISE

Order the parts to make sentences. Add correct punctuation.

- A will go to Russia in December B our football coach
- A the TV B who C turned off
- A the girl B is Amisha C riding the yellow bicycle
- A the crystal vase B who brought C on the shelf
- A to fix the fan B tomorrow C in the bedroom D call the electrician
- A this statue B four hundred years old C of a dancing woman D is
- A is B how marvellous C the new sea-bridge
- A could you B from the bookstore C get me D a school atlas
E on Patel Road
- A the name B pet parrot C of your D what is
- A below 12 B in the magic show C children D not allowed E are

Types of Sentences

There are four major types of sentences.

Declarative sentences tell something and end with a full stop.

Amazon is a river.
Nikita ate three bananas in the morning.
Our grandfather lives in Madurai.
Charles Dickens was a famous British novelist.

Interrogative sentences ask a question and end with a question mark.

When is the music festival starting?
Who left the fridge open?
How many hundreds are there in one thousand?
Was Kapil the captain of their team?

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Imperative sentences give a command or an advice, or make a request. They often end with a full stop, or sometimes, an exclamation mark.

Give me the remote.
 Stop talking.
 Let's go home.
 Buy seven boxes of chocolate and three bricks of ice cream.
 Don't move!

Exclamatory sentences show strong feelings and end with an exclamation mark. They usually begin with the words *what* or *how*.

What a fine necklace Saroj has!
 How amazing the Ellora caves are!
 What a genius Ramanujan was!
 How clever the king's ministers are!

Each of these has a special word arrangement. Their use depends on the context of speech or writing.

	simpler name	end punctuation mark
declarative sentences	statements	full stop (.)
interrogative sentences	questions	question mark (?)
imperative sentences	commands and requests	full stop (.) / exclamation mark (!)
exclamatory sentences	exclamations	exclamation mark (!)

EXERCISE

Indicate with tick marks in the table below what type each of the following sentences is. Then add correct end punctuation mark to the sentences. One is done for you. Some could have more than one answer.

	declarative	interrogative	imperative	exclamatory
Sentence 1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sentence 2				
Sentence 3				
Sentence 4				
Sentence 5				
Sentence 6				
Sentence 7				
Sentence 8				
Sentence 9				
Sentence 10				

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1. How many times have you travelled by sea?
2. I was on a ship in 1989
3. What a great experience it was
4. Please put away these cartons
5. Bring your crafts workbook tomorrow
6. Where is Murshidabad located
7. Sending an email is easier than writing a letter
8. Who is the first woman to fly an aeroplane
9. How cruel it is to make little children work in factories
10. A kingfisher lays up to ten eggs at a time

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Write interrogative sentences which would be answered by the given statements.

1. I will pack my bag after breakfast.
2. It is one kilometre wide.
3. Prometheus brought fire to the earth from heaven.
4. I cannot close this window because its frame has bent.
5. Anshuman Ram is a golfer.
6. This mobile phone is my mother's.
7. There are thirteen birds in the picture.
8. I went to watch a movie last evening.
9. Rafiq's house is in Manohar Nagar.
10. This train will reach Dehradun at 4 o'clock in the morning.

M

Write imperative sentences that can be used in each of the following situations.

1. Request Shoab to turn off the lights in the bedroom.
2. A warning on an electric iron that one should not touch it with wet hands.
3. A website asking you to enter a password to log in.
4. A coach shouting to his student during a running competition.
5. Instruction to stick a photograph on an application form.
6. Sign at a public place asking people to throw litter in the dustbin.
7. An emergency helpline number and the accompanying message.
8. A line from a recipe note on adding ginger.

F

Rewrite the following statements as exclamations.

1. The tadpoles are tiny.
2. It is very silly to paint an ice cube.
3. The Grand Canyon in America is an amazing sight.
4. Kuldeep Basu is a wonderful fielder.
5. The socks Rohini knits are very fluffy.
6. It is dangerous to play with firecrackers.
7. The rotten meat is very smelly.
8. Rina Naidu is a talented chess player.

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