

Different Types of Sentence

- Write statements
- Write questions and exclamations
- Write commands

Statements

A **statement** is a clear and definite sentence in either writing or speech.

Example

- The pet hamster has small, sharp teeth.
- It answers to the name Harry.
- The children are worried because he is missing.



Questions

A **question** is used when someone is asking for information. A question has a **question mark** (?) at the end.

There are six question words that are often used to form a question.

Example

- **Who** is looking for it?
- **What** does it like to eat?
- **Where** might it be hiding?
- **Why** has it run away?
- **When** did it go missing?
- **How** did Harry escape?

The blue words are question words. They are often used to form questions.

Key Point

Questions are used to show that you don't know the answer and you are asking for help.



Exclamations

An **exclamation** is used when something is being emphasised or stressed.

An exclamation has an **exclamation mark (!)** at the end. It shows a strong feeling, such as surprise, anger or joy.

Example

- How wonderful to see you!
- I can hear him squeaking!

Exclamation marks can also be written in speech and tell you how something is being said.

Example

'I found him!' shouted Molly with excitement.

Tip

Think of using an exclamation mark as shouting or raising your voice when speaking.

Key Point

Exclamation marks are used to show emotion.

Key Point

A request is a polite command; it ends with a full stop.

An order is a strong command; it ends with an exclamation mark.

Key Words

- Statement
- Question
- Question mark
- Exclamation
- Exclamation mark
- Command

Commands

A **command** is used to make requests, give instructions and give orders.

- A request is when you ask for something, politely.
- An instruction tells you how to do something.
- An order is a strong command.

Example

- Molly, please don't try to touch him.
- Handle him gently.
- Molly, be careful!

Request

Instruction

Order

Quick Test

1. Which of these is a command?
Go home! / What time is it? / I went to school.
2. When is an exclamation mark used?
3. When is a question mark used?