

Unit 1 — The Sentence I Recognizing Kinds of Sentences

MONTANA LANGUAGE ARTS WRITING CONTENT STANDARD I BENCHMARK 4 (3)

The four kinds of sentences are the **declarative**, the **imperative**, the **interrogative**, and the **exclamatory**.

- A **declarative** sentence is the most basic kind of sentence. It makes a statement and ends with a period.

Victor is a small town, located in the Bitterroot Valley of Western Montana.

- An **imperative** sentence gives a command or makes a request and ends with a period or exclamation point.

Take out the garbage, please. Slow down, there's the highway patrol!

- An **interrogative** sentence asks a question and ends with a question mark.

Would you like to contribute to the Victor foundation?

- An **exclamatory** sentence shows sudden or strong feeling and ends with an exclamation point.

O, What a breathtaking view!

Exercise I

Identify the kind of sentence by writing **declarative**, **imperative**, **interrogative**, or **exclamatory** in the blank before each sentence. Then add the **correct punctuation** to the end of each sentence.

- _____ We are going to Missoula tomorrow to go shopping
- _____ *Altruism* is not an adverb
- _____ Drop me off before the next intersection, please
- _____ The West Coast of the United States is formed by the Pacific Ocean
- _____ May I go to the bathroom, Mr. Jamison
- _____ Place your right hand over your heart during the Star Spangled Banner
- _____ Are we there yet
- _____ Ouch, I stuck myself with a cactus needle
- _____ Why do they want to take *God* out of the Pledge of Allegiance
- _____ Get out of the way
- _____ People who are bilingual often find good paying jobs
- _____ Yahoo, I won; I won; I won
- _____ How many times a day does the fire siren go off
- _____ Did Mrs. Paxson assign us any homework for tomorrow
- _____ Place the clay pot carefully in the kiln

Exercise II Write a complete **sentence** that illustrates each kind of sentence.

16. Declarative _____
17. Imperative _____
18. Interrogative _____
19. Exclamatory _____

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Writing Prompt:

Many students earn extra money working during the summer. Some work full-time the whole summer; others will work part-time. Some may just work a few odd jobs for family or friends. Did you earn money this summer? Describe the job or jobs that you worked. What did you do with your money—spend it on a trip, on clothes, or put it in savings for something special in the future? Using the space below write a paragraph describing your summer employment. Or write a story of something humorous, unusual, or interesting that happened at work.

Exercise III (Do this after you've completed the other side of this page.)

Go back through the paragraph that you wrote earlier. Count the number of sentences that you wrote of each type. How many declarative sentences did you write? How many imperative, how many interrogative, and how many exclamatory? Record the number next to each line.

1. The number of declarative sentences is _____ .
2. The number of imperative sentences is _____ .
3. The number of interrogative sentences is _____ .
4. The number of exclamatory sentences is _____ .