

Sentence

⇒ Simple Sentence

A simple sentence is a sentence that consists of **one independent clause**, which means it has **one subject** and **one predicate**. It expresses a complete thought and can stand alone as a sentence.

Read the following sentences.

- She walked to the store.
- The cat sat on the mat.
- I ate breakfast this morning.



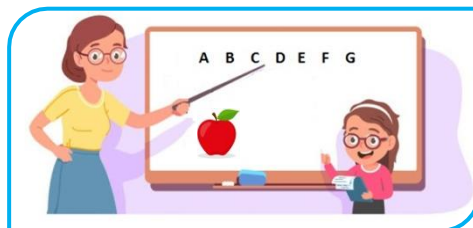
⇒ A simple sentence can have a **compound subject**, which means it has **two or more subjects** that share the **same predicate**.

- **Mark** and **Sarah** walked to the beach.
- **My sister** and **I** watched a movie last night.
- **The cat** and **the dog** played in the yard.



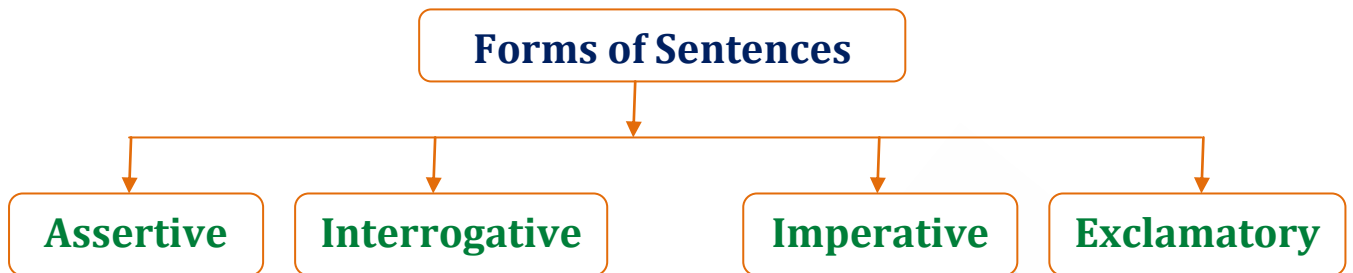
⇒ It can also have a **compound predicate**, which means it has **two or more predicates** that share the **same subject**.

- John **cooked dinner** and **washed the dishes**.
- The flowers **bloomed** and **filled the room** with their sweet fragrance.
- The teacher **explained the lesson** and **answered questions** from the students.



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⇒ Forms of Sentences



⇒ Now, look at these sentences:

- I need your help. (makes a statement, states a fact)
- Will you please help me? (asks a question)
- Please help me. (makes an entreaty)
- Oh, please help me! (shows a strong feeling of desperation)

⇒ All these sentences contain almost the same words, and also mean the same. However, they express different things in different tones.

⇒ 1. Assertive Sentence:

A sentence that makes a statement or assertion is called an **Assertive Sentence**. Assertive sentences end with a full stop.(.)

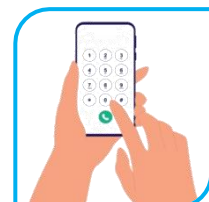
- Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
- The weather is quite pleasant today.



⇒ 2. Interrogative Sentence:

A sentence that asks a question is called an **Interrogative Sentence**. All Interrogative sentences end with a question mark.(?)

- Can I use your phone?
- Why did you not return those books to the library?



- Have you milked the cows yet?

⇒ 3. Imperative Sentence:

A sentence that expresses a **command**, **advice**, **suggestion**, **request** or **entreaty** is called an **Imperative Sentence**.
Imperative sentences usually end with a full stop.(.)

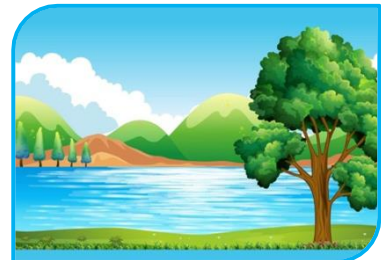
- Complete your homework quickly. (command)
- Consult a doctor immediately. (suggestion/advice)
- Please get me a glass of water. (request)



⇒ 4. Exclamatory Sentence:

A sentence that expresses strong feelings of **joy**, **sorrow**, **surprise**, **anger**, **delight**, etc. is called an **Exclamatory Sentence**.
Exclamatory sentences end with an exclamation mark.(!)

- What nonsense!
- How lovely the view is!



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Compound Sentences

A compound sentence is composed of at least two independent clauses. It does not require a dependent clause. Conjunctions such as **for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so** can be used to make a compound sentence. Each clause of a compound sentence contains a subject and a predicate of its own.

Example:

- (i) I started late, but I arrived early.
Independent clause conj. Independent clause
- (ii) Cows moo and sheep bleat.
Independent clause conj. Independent clause

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Complex Sentences

A complex sentence has one or more dependent clauses (also called subordinate clause). A dependent clause cannot stand on its own, even though it has a subject and a verb.

Example :

- (i) He attended school though he was unwell.
Independent clause Dependent clause
- (ii) She was appointed the monitor since she was the best student in class.
Independent clause Dependent clause