



The Sentence

Definition of a Sentence

- A sentence is a group of words that makes complete sense.
- Sentences are used to express thoughts, feelings, facts, or questions.
- A sentence must:
 - Begin with a capital letter.
 - Have words in the correct order.
 - End with a full stop (.), question mark (?), or exclamation mark (!).

Examples:

- ☒ Joe Biden was the President of the U.S.A. (Makes sense)
- ☐ was the President of the U.S.A. Joe Biden (No clear meaning)

Phrase vs Sentence

Phrase

- A phrase is a group of words that makes some sense, but not complete sense.
- It does not contain a verb and cannot stand alone.

Examples:

- a big mall
- in the evening
- on the way

Turned into Sentences:

- We went to a big mall last Sunday.
- The children played in the evening.

Sentence

- Contains a verb and expresses a complete thought.



Parts of a Sentence

A sentence has two main parts:

1. Subject – Who or what the sentence is about.
2. Predicate – What is said about the subject (contains the verb).

Example:

- The Ganga (Subject) begins at the confluence of the Bhagirathi and Alakananda rivers. (Predicate)

Special Notes:

In imperative sentences, the subject “you” is usually implied.

- **E.g.**, “Come here.” → (You come here.)

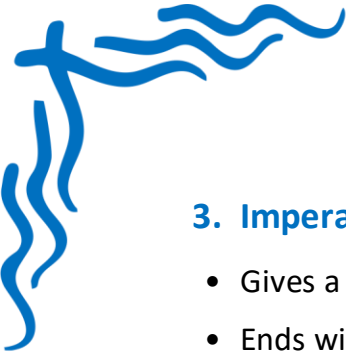
Kinds of Sentences

1. Statement (Declarative/Assertive)

- Tells something.
- Ends with a full stop.
- Can be:
 - **Affirmative:** She sings well.
 - **Negative:** She does not sing well.

2. Interrogative Sentence

- Asks a question.
- Ends with a question mark (?).
- **Types:**
 - **Yes/No:** Do you know her?
 - **Wh-Questions:** Who is your principal?



3. Imperative Sentence

- Gives a command, request, or advice.
- Ends with a full stop.
 - **E.g.,** Do not shout. Pass me the salt, please.

4. Exclamatory Sentence

- Shows strong feeling or emotion.
- Ends with an exclamation mark (!).
 - **E.g.,** How beautiful the rainbow is!

Question Tags

A Question Tag is a short question added at the end of a statement to confirm or agree.

Rules:

1. If the statement is positive, the tag is negative.
 - **She is a teacher, isn't she?**
2. If the statement is negative, the tag is positive.
 - **He is not coming, is he?**
3. The tense and auxiliary verb used in the tag must match the main sentence.
4. The subject in the tag must agree with the subject of the sentence.

Special Cases:

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| • I am → am I not? | • Negative commands → will you? |
| • Commands (positive) → will you? / won't you? | • Let us → shall we? |
| | • You are → aren't you? |

Points to Remember

- A sentence must end with appropriate punctuation: . ? !
- A phrase has some meaning but no verb, so it's not a complete sentence.
- The two main parts of a sentence are Subject and Predicate.
- **There are four kinds of sentences:** Statement, Interrogative, Imperative, Exclamatory.
- Question tags are short questions added for confirmation or agreement.