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Sentence Types

By structure and by purpose

By Structure

How sentences are built

- Simple: one main clause. The dog barked.
- Compound: two main clauses joined by and/but/or/so. The dog barked and the cat ran.
- Complex: a main clause plus a subordinate clause. When the dog barked, the cat ran.
- Subordinate clauses can start with: when, because, although, since, while, after, before, if
- A main clause can stand alone. A subordinate clause cannot.
- Vary your sentences for engaging writing.

By Purpose

Four types of sentences

- Statement (declarative): tells you something. The sky is blue.
- Question (interrogative): asks something. Why is the sky blue?
- Command (imperative): tells someone to do something. Look up.
- Exclamation (exclamatory): What a beautiful sky!
- Exclamation must start with What or How (in formal grammar).
- Imperative often starts with the verb.





Mix sentence purposes for varied writing.

