

## WRITING CENTRE

### TYPES OF SENTENCES

There are four different types of sentences:

1. Declarative Sentence (s)
3. Interrogative Sentence (s)
2. Exclamatory Sentence (s)
4. Imperative Sentence (s)

Lets take a closer look at these four types.

#### **1. Declarative Sentence**

- this type of sentence makes a statement
- it informs the reader of either a fact or argument that requires no action or answer

*Examples of Declarative Sentences:*

- A) I went to the store.
- B) I have a dog.
- C) I burned my hand on the stove.

#### **2. Interrogative Sentence**

- this type of sentence asks a question and ALWAYS ends in a question mark (?)

*Examples of Interrogative Sentences:*

- A) Is the sky blue?
- B) When will you be coming home?
- C) What time were you out until last night?

#### **3. Exclamatory Sentence**



- this type of sentence is a more forceful way to write a declarative sentence ( see #1)
- it will always be marked with an exclamation mark (!) at the end



*Examples of Exclamatory Sentences:*

- A) The CN Tower is tall!
- B) The Toronto Maple Leafs are a great hockey team!
- C) I am excited for summer!

#### **4. Imperative Sentence**

- an imperative sentence gives a direct command to another person
- it can end with either an exclamation mark (!) or a period (.) depending on how forceful the command is
- an imperative sentence is not normally used in academic writing

*Examples of Imperative Sentences:*

*Examples ending with (!)*

- A) Sit down!
- B) Be quiet!
- C) Wash the dishes now!

*Examples ending with (.)*

- A) Write a story for class.
- B) Please study for class.
- C) Try to be quiet please.

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