# Writing Centre

# Types of Sentences

**There are four different types of sentences:**

Declarative Sentence (s) Interrogative Sentence (s)

Exclamatory Sentence (s) Imperative Sentence (s)

Lets take a closer look at these four types.

**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:**

I went to the store.

I have a dog.

I burned my hand on the stove.

**Interrogative Sentence**

* this type of sentence asks a question and ALWAYS ends in a question mark

**Examples of Interrogative Sentences:**

Is the sky blue?

When will you be coming home?

What time were you out until last night?

**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:**

The CN Tower is tall!

The Toronto Maple Leafs are a great hockey team!

I am excited for summer!

**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 (!)**

1. Sit down!
2. Be quiet!
3. Wash the dishes now!

**Examples ending with(.)**

C) Try to be quiet please.

B) Please study for class.

A) Write a story for class.

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[arts.uottawa.ca](http://www.arts.uottawa.ca/writcent/hypergrammar/sntpurps.html)

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