



# Sentences

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## Sentences can be:

- A Statements
- B Questions
- C Commands
- D Exclamations

### **A Statements express a fact or opinion:**

It rained today (fact)

I think it is too big (opinion)

### **B Questions are sentences that need an answer:**

Is it too big?

Are you going out?

### **C Commands tell you what to do:**

Use two eggs.

Do not walk on the grass.

### **D Exclamations show strong emotions like joy and anger:**

What a beautiful day!

You horrible man!



## Sentences - practice

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**Write out the following sentences ending them with a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark:**

- 1 Who is that person over there
- 2 I hope he is right
- 3 What a lovely dog they have
- 4 Don't do that
- 5 Please can I come with you
- 6 I think he'll be late tonight
- 7 Take two tablets, once a day
- 8 How is her foot
- 9 This is too hard
- 10 Can I ring you later

**Well Done!**

Now write two sentences which end with a full stop, two sentences which end with a question mark and two sentences which end with an exclamation mark

## 19 Writing skills

### Sentences

Sentence checklist. A sentence must:

- begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop.
- have a verb.
- have a subject (the subject is **what** or **who** the sentence is about).
- make sense.

Look at some common mistakes and corrections:

- There are no full stops.

My name is Shaheeda Parveen I came to the UK in 1998 ✗ =

My name is Shaheeda Parveen. I came to the UK in 1990. ✓

- There is no verb.

I very good at English. ✗ = I **am** very good at English. ✓

- There is no subject.

Live in Manchester. ✗ = **I** live in Manchester. ✓

This does not make sense. = I like very much. ✗ =

I like **Manchester** very much. ✓

## Capital letters

You use capital letters for:

- The **names** of people or places :  
Tony **B**lair lives in **L**ondon.
- **Nationalities** and **languages**:  
*She is from **A**lgeria and she speaks **A**rabic.*
- **Days** of the **week** and **months**:  
I arrived on a **M**onday in **S**eptember.
- Words which stand for **me** or **myself**:  
When **I** came to the UK **I** felt cold.
- **Brand** and **company names**:  
I bought some **N**ike trainers from **S**ports **W**orld.