

Sanjiro's Top Tips: Functions of Sentences



commands

A command is a sentence that contains a direct instruction. They usually contain an imperative verb at the beginning of the main clause.

Take that out of your mouth!

Tidy up this mess.

Mix the colours together.

statements

A statement is a sentence that conveys a simple piece of information.

I like eating popcorn.

The cows escaped from a nearby field.

You just trod on my foot!

exclamations

An exclamation is a sentence that expresses surprise or wonder. Exclamation sentences begin with the words 'what' or 'how' and contain a verb.

What a large cow that is!

How wonderful that you could join us!

How unique your singing voice is!



questions

A question sentence is used to gain further information. Questions usually require a response.

Can you hear that?

Are you going to be finishing any time soon?

What is your favourite colour?



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