A **declarative sentence** expresses a statement. It ends with a period.

The Saint Bernard has a thick brown and white coat.

An **interrogative sentence** asks a question. It ends with a question mark.

Is that beautiful collie your pet?

An **imperative sentence** tells or asks someone to do something. It usually ends with a period but may end with an exclamation point.

Please feed the dog his supper.

An **exclamatory sentence** shows strong feeling. It always ends with an exclamation point.

What a huge dog that is!

**Identifying Kinds of Sentences**

On the line, identify each sentence below by writing D for declarative, INT for interrogative, IMP for imperative, or E for exclamatory. Add the proper punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.

1. Give the dog a bath today ________
2. How many kinds of dogs can you name in one minute ________
3. The Chihuahua is originally from Mexico ________
4. What a cute puppy you have ________
5. How does a bloodhound’s sense of smell help it find missing persons ________
6. Don’t let go of the Great Dane’s leash ________
7. Fetch the stick, Spot ________
8. The Irish setter has long, reddish-colored hair ________
9. Teams of huskies pull sleds over the ice and snow in Alaska ________
10. Do you know how many dogs are needed for each team ________
11. Take your dog for a walk every day ________
12. That dog tried to bite me ________
13. German shepherds make good watchdogs ________
14. Can you train your dog to roll over or sit ________
15. Please give that bone to the dog ________
Kinds of Sentences

Using Different Kinds of Sentences

Add the correct end punctuation to each of these sentences. Then rewrite the sentences according to the instructions in parentheses. You may have to add or delete words and change word order.

EXAMPLE  Your dog is playful.
(Change to an interrogative sentence.)

Is your dog playful?

1. Is that dog a good swimmer
   (Change to a declarative sentence.)

2. Sheepdogs can round up a herd of sheep
   (Change to an interrogative sentence.)

3. The Airedale terrier is a large dog
   (Change to an interrogative sentence.)

4. Does your dog do amazing tricks
   (Change to an exclamatory sentence.)

5. How gentle that dog is with little children
   (Change to a declarative sentence.)

6. Will you call your dog back home now
   (Change to an imperative sentence.)

7. What a good friend a dog can be
   (Change to a declarative sentence.)
A. Writing Different Kinds of Sentences
Write at least four sentences you might say if you found a dog roaming around the halls and rooms of your school. Write at least one of each kind of sentence: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. Use the correct punctuation at the end of each sentence.

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B. Writing Different Kinds of Sentences in a Diary
Imagine that you have just come back from the first meeting of an obedience class with your dog. What might have happened there? How do you feel about your dog now? Write a diary entry for this day. Use at least one of each kind of sentence: declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory. Use the correct punctuation at the end of each sentence.

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