FOUR TYPES OF SENTENCES

I can define and identify declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory sentences.

Sentences can be classified according to the purpose the sentence serves and the manner in which the thought is expressed.

- Why is it being said?
- How is it being said?

Declarative Sentences

A declarative or assertive sentence states a fact, opinion or idea.

Most sentences are declarative.

A declarative sentence is followed by a period (.).

A declarative sentence is sometimes called an assertive sentence.

Examples:

He sold cakes to the class.

She goes to dance class every Tuesday.

There is a monster under my bed.

My favorite color is purple.

(Which one of these doesn't belong?)

Imperative Sentences

An imperative sentence gives a command or a request.

Imperative sentences often do not have a subject as you is the implied subject.

The imperative sentence is usually followed by a period (.).

Very strong commands may be followed by an exclamation point (!).

Examples:

Please pass the potatoes.

Sit down!

You're so pretty!

Give me all your money.

(Which of these doesn't belong?)

Interrogative Sentences

An interrogative sentence asks a question.

An interrogative sentence is followed by a question mark (?).

Examples:

Have you ever seen a flying fish?

What a beautiful day!

Can I watch The Mandalorian tonight?

Will this lesson ever be over?

(Which of these doesn't belong?)

Exclamatory Sentences

An exclamatory sentence expresses strong feeling.

The exclamatory sentence always ends with an exclamation point.

Examples:

That sounds incredible!

I can't believe you said that out loud!

Why didn't he show up!

Ouch! I burned my fingers!

(Which of these doesn't belong?)

Review

A declarative sentence makes a statement and ends with a period.

An imperative sentence gives a command and usually ends with a period.

An interrogative sentence asks a questions and ends with a question mark.

An **exclamatory sentence** shows strong feeling and ends with an exclamation mark.