



Sentences grammar

A sentence is a group of words which expresses a complete thought. These words make sense by themselves. A written sentence starts with a capital letter and ends in a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark.

There are four types of sentences:

Type of sentence	What it does	Example
statement	This supplies information and ends with a full stop.	Lucy is going to the park.
question	This asks for information and ends with a question mark.	What are you having for lunch?
command	This gives an order or instruction and can end with an exclamation mark.	Sit down, please. Don't touch that heater!
exclamation	These express sudden strong feelings such as anger, surprise or alarm and usually end with an exclamation mark.	How amazing! I'm shocked!

Sentences also have the following structure:

Sentence structure	Description	Example
simple sentence	This has one verb and one idea – also called an independent clause because it makes sense on its own.	Lucy is going to the park.
compound sentence	This has two or more verbs . It is made up of two simple sentences joined by a conjunction or joining word.	Lucy is going to the park and she will be taking the dog for a walk.
complex sentence	This has at least one simple sentence and at least one dependent clause .	Lucy is going to the park that is near the expressway .

Note: A dependent clause has a verb but is an incomplete idea, eg when I was sick.