

22.1 Sentences Classified by Function • Practice 1

The Four Functions of Sentences Sentences can also be classified by their function.

Kind of Sentence	Function	Examples	End Mark
Declarative	States an idea	Water freezes at 0 C.	period (.)
Interrogative	Asks a question	What is the longest day of the year?	question mark (?)
Imperative	Gives an order or a direction	Abandon ship! Please close the window.	period or exclamation mark (. or !)
Exclamatory	Conveys strong emotion	How wrong you are! You must be joking!	exclamation mark (!)

Exercise 1 **Identifying the Function of Sentences.** Identify each sentence as *declarative*, *interrogative*, *imperative*, or *exclamatory*.

EXAMPLE: Sauté the onions until they are soft. imperative

- Be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. _____
- Has anyone ever photographed the Loch Ness monster? _____
- Which is longer, a meter or a yard? _____
- The phoenix and the unicorn are mythical creatures. _____
- Sand the surface lightly before applying the second coat. _____
- What a dreadful sight that was! _____
- Go directly to JAIL. _____
- Natives in Borneo once used human skulls as money. _____
- The eggs laid in a single nest are called a clutch. _____
- Is it bigger than a breadbox? _____

Exercise 2 **Choosing the Correct End Mark by Function.** Supply an appropriate end mark for each sentence on the line provided. When you are through, you should have four periods, two question marks, and four exclamation marks.

EXAMPLE: Arabian camels have one hump; Bactrian camels have two _____.

- Stop in the name of the law _____
- Did the caller leave a number _____
- What a weird coincidence that was _____
- Run for your lives _____
- Currents are fast-flowing streams within larger bodies of water _____
- Who won the Oscar for best actor last year _____
- Now that's what I call hot chili _____
- Penguins keep their eggs warm by holding them next to their bodies _____
- Be sure to let us know what you decide _____
- Americans spend a great deal of money on pet food _____