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

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

EXAMPLE:  Saute the onions until they are soft.  imperative

1. Be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. 
2. Has anyone ever photographed the Loch Ness monster? 
3. Which is longer, a meter or a yard? 
4. The phoenix and the unicorn are mythical creatures. 
5. Sand the surface lightly before applying the second coat. 
6. What a dreadful sight that was! 
7. Go directly to JAIL. 
8. Natives in Borneo once used human skulls as money. 
9. The eggs laid in a single nest are called a clutch. 
10. 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 .

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