

LESSON

Writing Good Sentences

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MATTER

★ **Declarative sentences** state facts.

Different liquids boil at different temperatures.

Interrogative sentences ask questions.

Do we have time to do an experiment with water?

Imperative sentences give commands. The subject (you) is not always stated.

Ask an adult to help with this one.

Exclamatory sentences show strong feelings.

If I can control water, I can control the world!

A Write the kind of sentence it is. Use **D** for declarative, **In** for interrogative, **Im** for imperative, and **E** for exclamatory.

- ___ 1. Did you get an adult's permission?
- ___ 2. This experiment is to change the point where water boils (its boiling point).
- ___ 3. I love doing experiments!
- ___ 4. Collect the following items: a large pot, a measuring cup, a wooden spoon, salt, water, and a thermometer that measures temperatures above 200°F.
- ___ 5. To start, the thermometer should be attached to the spoon with the rubber band.
- ___ 6. Measure and pour three cups of water into the pot.
- ___ 7. Can you adjust the thermometer so that it doesn't touch the bottom of the pan, but is still in the water?
- ___ 8. Have your adult put the pot on the stove and turn the burner on high.
- ___ 9. Has the water boiled yet?
- ___ 10. The water is hot!



Declarative: Most of what we read and say is written like this sentence.

Interrogative: Where is the subject in this sentence?

Imperative: Decide now what kind of sentence this is!

Exclamatory: This sentence is most likely to be shouted out!



B Rewrite each sentence as the type given.

(Imperative) **1.** You may want to do the experiment in part A with both juice and bottled water.

(Interrogative) **2.** Think about what would happen if you continue to boil the water.

(Declarative) **3.** Careful - the hot stove can be dangerous!

(Exclamatory) **4.** Did the results surprise you?



C Write an example of each type of sentence.

Declarative: _____

Interrogative: _____

Imperative: _____

Exclamatory: _____