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TYPES OF SENTENCES

In the English language, four types of sentences are used: declarative sentences, imperative sentences, interrogative sentences, and exclamatory sentences.

<u>Declarative Sentences</u> are sentences which provide facts and opinions.

EX:

Whales are mammals.

Dolphins are amazing creatures.

<u>Imperative Sentences</u> are sentences which provide commands, directions, and rules/orders.

EX:

Buckle your seatbelt.

Please refrain from talking during the lecture.

Notice how imperative sentences contain an implied YOU. As in our example: [You] Buckle your seatbelt.

<u>Exclamatory Sentences</u> are sentences which provide exclamations of a sudden gesture, a sudden action, or a sudden command to action.

EX:

Oh gosh!

Whoa!

Great Scot!

Go to the right!

Notice how Exclamatory Sentences may not contain the traditional subject-predicate structure.

Interrogative Sentences are sentences which ask questions.

EX:

Where do you live?

Can you open this bottle?

Notice how Interrogative Sentences may not contain the traditional subject-predicate structure.