

Sentence Types : Lists and Background

How Sentences Are Used

Sentences can be used to state information. These are called **DECLARATIVE** sentences.
 Sentences can be used to ask questions. These are called **INTERROGATIVE** sentences.
 Sentences can be used to make a request or command. These are called **IMPERATIVE** sentences.
 Sentences can be used to express great emotion. These are called **EXCLAMATORY** sentences.

DECLARATIVE
states information

We want a movie with a happy ending.
 Even though snow is in the forecast, the game will be played.
 Having a nasty cold is miserable, and it can result in complications like a sinus infection.

Can we see a movie with a happy ending this time?
 Will the game be played even though snow is in the forecast?
 How miserable can a cold be, and what are the possible complications from one?

INTERROGATIVE
Asks questions

IMPERATIVE
Requests,
commands

Please make a movie with a happy ending.
 Play the game even though it is snowing.
 Wash your hands to prevent a cold, and see a doctor to prevent complications from a cold.

The happy ending of that movie caused me to weep with joy!
 The game is continuing even though there is nearly six inches of snow on the field!
 This is an horrible, miserable cold, and now I have a complication, a sinus infection!

EXCLAMATORY
show great
emotion

Broken Sentences			
FRAGMENT <i>(not enough pieces to make one independent)</i>		RUN-ON <i>(too many independents without proper punctuation)</i>	
missing both subj and pred	down the lane and around the corner	conjunction but no comma	Bob taught the class and his students learned.
missing subj	has dark circles under his eyes		Beyond the fence lurked a wolf but the fence was too high to leap over.
missing pred	a long life filled with joy	comma but no conjunction (comma splice)	Bob taught the class, his students learned.
missing complete thought	since he won't leave the party		Beyond the fence lurked a wolf, the fence was too high to leap over.
Fixed Sentences			
<u>He walked down the lane and around the corner.</u> <u>The surgeon has dark circles under his eyes.</u> <u>A long life filled with joy is their greatest wish.</u> <u>Since he won't leave the party, we are stuck.</u>		<u>Bob taught the class, and his students learned.</u> <u>Bob taught the class; his students learned.</u> <u>Beyond the fence lurked a wolf, but the fence was too high to leap over.</u>	