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## THE SENTENCE

Read the following groups of words-

1. An aeroplane flies in the air.
2. The sun rises in the east.
- 3 February is the shortest month of the year.

Each of these groups of words makes complete sense.

A group of words that makes complete sense is called a Sentence.

### Kinds of Sentences

Sentences can do four kinds of things. A sentence can-

(1) Make a statement as,  
The earth moves round the sun.  
(Affirmative)

He never tells a lie. (Negative)

A sentence that states or declares something is called an Assertive or Declarative Sentence.

(2) Ask a question ; as,  
What is the matter?  
Who does not love his country ?

A sentence that asks a question is called an Interrogative Sentence.

3 Express some command, request, entreaty or wish as,  
Never surrender. (Command)  
Lend me your book, please. (Request)  
Help me, O God. (Entreaty)  
God save the Queen. (Wish)

A sentence that expresses a command, a request, an entreaty or a desire is called an Imperative Sentence.

## EXERCISE

Say in the case of each of the following sentences whether it is Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative or Exclamatory:

1. Mind your own business.
2. Please let me work.
- 3 Do not make a noise.

4 This house is to let.

5 How much is this book ?

6 What a fool you are!

7 Did the clock strike?

8. Pray excuse me.