

# The Four Types of Sentences

## Declarative Sentence

An insect is sometimes called a bug.

## Interrogative Sentence

Do you know anything about insects?

## Imperative Sentence

Close the lid to the bug box.

## Exclamatory Sentence

Oh no, the bugs are escaping!

## End Punctuation

Type of Sentence	Punctuation Mark
Declarative Sentence	.
Interrogative Sentence	?
Imperative Sentence	.
Exclamatory Sentence	!

# Terrific Topic Sentences

## Worksheet #1

*A topic sentence states the main idea and must capture a reader's interest.*

Of the 78 species of whale, the orca (or killer whale) is the most feared. These mammals live in families called pods and swim in all the oceans of the world. One is most likely to find them in the colder waters of the Arctic and Antarctic regions of Earth. A tall dorsal fin and a black and white body make them easily recognizable. Their rounded snouts and bullet-shaped bodies allow orcas to swim at speeds up to 40 miles per hour. A killer whale is the only whale that eats warm-blooded prey. Often it takes 300 pounds of fish, squid, and other marine animals a day to satisfy this beast's huge appetite. The orca may appear to be friendly or playful at water parks or on television, but this wild animal is one of the most ferocious in nature.

1. What is the topic sentence of the paragraph about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Use the information in the paragraph above to write the following:

a. an interrogative sentence

Example: What do you know about killer whales?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. an imperative sentence

Example: Read these facts about orcas.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. an exclamatory sentence

Example: Orcas are fascinating beasts!

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# Terrific Topic Sentences

## Worksheet #2

A *topic sentence* states the main idea and must capture a reader's interest.

### Exercise A

Read the following list of writing ideas. Create a topic sentence for each.

1. the best place to go swimming \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. my favorite amusement park ride \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. going fishing with a friend \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. enjoyable board games to play \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. our family's most valuable possession \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. a day at the races \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. staying overnight at grandmother's house \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. the surprise party \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. when the wheels came off \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. the broken eyeglasses \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise B

Read the following topic sentences. Rewrite each in the form of a question, command, or exclamation.

1. Our vacation on a tropical island was very exciting. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I made too many mistakes the first day of school. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. A police car pulled into our driveway. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. My parents brought home twins from the hospital. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. It was past midnight when I heard something coming up the stairs. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_