

Sentence Types

Declarative: Ends with a period (.)

- Makes a statement
- Expresses an opinion

Examples:

Making a statement:

I want to make a berry pie.

Expressing an opinion:

Berries make the best pies.

Imperative: Ends with a period (.) or exclamation point (!)

- Gives command
- Makes request

Examples:

You need to stop that!

Please sit down.

Interrogative: Ends with a question mark (?)

- Asks a question

Examples:

What do you want to have for dinner tonight?

When is the assignment due?

Exclamatory: Ends with an exclamation point (!)

- Expresses emotion

Examples:

You'll shoot your eye out!

Watch out for that tree!

The Three Deadly (non)Sentences

Fragment

Incomplete
sentence Lacks Subject
and/or verb Examples:

Incorrect:

Last night, before I went to the store

At work, after the students left

Correct:

Last night, I stopped at the bank, before I went to the store.

At work, after the students left, I took a nap

Run-on

Connecting two main clauses with no punctuation

Examples:

Incorrect:

The sun is bright I need sunglasses

This class is difficult you should study regularly

Correct:

The sun is bright. I need sunglasses.

This class is difficult; you should study regularly.

Comma Splice

Type of run-on sentence

Connecting two clauses with a comma

Examples:

Incorrect:

The dogs are making a lot of noise, take them outside

The kids are hungry, make some dinner

Correct:

The dogs are making a lot of noise. Take them outside.

The kids are hungry, so we should make dinner.