Declarative and Interrogative Sentences

A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. A sentence begins with a capital letter. A sentence that tells something is a declarative sentence. A declarative sentence ends with a period. A sentence that asks a question is an interrogative sentence. An interrogative sentence ends with a question mark.

Declarative Sentence  Florida was once a wild place.

Interrogative Sentence  Have you ever seen a bear?

Directions  Read each sentence and add the correct end punctuation. Then write whether each sentence is declarative or interrogative.

1. In the old days, many people lived on farms.  declarative

2. Wild animals roamed through the forests.  declarative

3. Were the woods full of bears in those days?  interrogative

Directions  Change each sentence to the kind named in ( ). Write the new sentence.

4. Grandpa likes telling stories. (interrogative)  Does Grandpa like telling stories?

5. Are his stories always true? (declarative)  His stories are always true.

Home Activity  Your child learned about declarative and interrogative sentences. Have your child write two declarative and two interrogative sentences about something he or she did today.
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Directions Read the interrogative sentences. Then use your own ideas to write a declarative sentence that answers each question. Possible answers:

1. Question Why is it hard to move to a new place?
   Answer You don’t have any friends in a new place.

2. Question Where would be a good place to make new friends?
   Answer You can make friends at school.

3. Question What kind of pet might make a good friend?
   Answer A dog might be a good friend.

4. Question What is a good way to make friends? You can ask people if they want to play with you.
   Answer

Directions Read the answers in the interview with Opal from Because of Winn-Dixie. Then write the questions you think she might be answering. Possible answers:

5. Question How did you feel when you first moved to Florida?
   Answer At first I felt really lonely.

6. Question Did you have any friends?
   Answer No, I didn’t know anyone.

7. Question What did you do?
   Answer I spent a lot of time in the library.

Home Activity Your child learned how to use declarative and interrogative sentences in writing. Have your child ask a member of the family three questions and write down the questions and answers in interview form.
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Directions For each item, mark the letter of the word or the word and punctuation mark that complete each sentence.

1. You have to be quiet in a ______
   A library
   B library?
   C library.
   D Library

3. ______ get a library card?
   A Can I
   B I can
   C I can?
   D can I

2. ______ many books did you get?
   A Who
   B how
   C How?
   D How

4. Do you like adventure ______
   A stories.
   B stories
   C stories?
   D Stories

Directions For each item, mark the letter of the declarative or interrogative sentence that is correctly written.

5. A Are pets allowed in the library.
   B I’ll leave my dog outside?
   C he is very well behaved.
   D Do I hear him barking?

6. A Our dog can shake hands
   B Does he come when you call.
   C can he catch a ball?
   D I’m teaching him to sit.

7. A The pound has many animals
   B Are they all puppies.
   C Would you like one as a pet?
   D some ran away from home?

8. A Why is his name Winn-Dixie.
   B Isn’t that the name of a store.
   C It’s a funny name for a dog.
   D Does he know his name.

9. A Was your dog a stray?
   B a stray has no home.
   C Can I adopt one.
   D Where did he come from.

10. A Dogs are fun
    B They make good friends.
    C Dogs are part of the family?
    D do you have a dog?

Home Activity Your child prepared for taking tests on declarative and interrogative sentences. Say declarative or interrogative and have your child say a sentence of the correct kind.
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Directions Write D if the sentence is declarative. Write I if the sentence is interrogative.

1. Opal loved to visit the library. D
2. What did her dog do? I
3. Did Opal have any friends? I
4. She made friends with the librarian. D

Directions Make each word group into a sentence by writing it with correct capitalization and punctuation. Write D if the sentence is declarative. Write I if the sentence is interrogative.

5. a bear once visited the library
   A bear once visited the library. D
6. it walked through the open door
   It walked through the open door. D
7. what did the librarian do
   What did the librarian do? I
8. would you have run away
   Would you have run away? I

Directions Change each sentence to the kind named in ( ). Write the new sentence.

9. The dog looks like a bear. (interrogative)
   Does the dog look like a bear?
10. Are bears dangerous? (declarative)
    Bears are dangerous.
11. An amazing story is called a tall tale. (interrogative)
    Is an amazing story called a tall tale?
12. Did the librarian tell a tall tale? (declarative)
    The librarian told a tall tale.

Home Activity Your child reviewed declarative and interrogative sentences. Read a newspaper article together. Have your child identify declarative and interrogative sentences in the article.