Punctuating Simple Sentences

Statements

Statements are sentences which tell you a fact, opinion or idea.

They begin with a capital letter and usually end with a full stop.

Example:

A rainbow has 7 colours. They are beautiful to look at.



Questions

Questions are sentences that ask you something.

They begin with a capital letter and a question word (who, what, where, when, why, how). They end with a question mark.

Example:

What did you have for dinner?



Exclamations

Exclamations are sentences that state something with strong feeling or emotion. An exclamation is used when someone is shouting or surprised.

They can start with 'How' or 'What' and end in an exclamation mark.

Example: What big feet you have!



Commands

Commands give someone an instruction or tell people what to do. They can be urgent or angry, can be very short and contain a 'bossy verb'.

They can end with a full stop or exclamation mark.

Example: Help me! Stop it.



Can you match the sentence with the correct sentence type?

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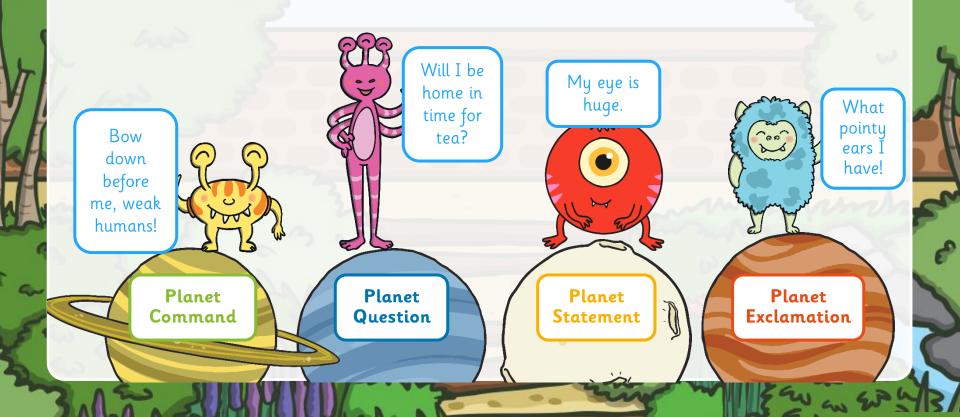
Oh no, these aliens have got lost in space! Can you help them to get back to their home planets? Each planet is a different sentence type. Read the alien's sentences to work out where they live.

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Sentence Type Sorting - ANSWERS!

Note the command sentence ends in an exclamation mark because it is being said with force!



Capital Letters

Some **capital letters** are missing from this newspaper report! Can you spot where the capital letters should be and why?

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There were capital letters missing from the start of sentences and also for proper nouns:

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