

KINDS OF SENTENCES



Become a Super Writer

Kim is working on a how-to article. She decided it would be fun to write about something different—like making sun ice tea. Here's her introduction.

My favorite summer drink is sun ice tea.	declarative
Is it difficult to make this kind of tea?	interrogative
Not at all!	exclamatory
Try this recipe. See for yourself how easy it is.	imperative

Kim wanted to make her introduction interesting. Notice that she used four different kinds of sentences. Variety adds "spice" to one's writing.

Definitions - Usage

A **declarative** sentence makes a statement. It ends with a period.

An **interrogative** sentence asks a question. It ends with a question mark.

An **exclamatory** sentence shows surprise or strong feeling. It ends with an exclamation point.

An **imperative** sentence gives a command or makes a request. It ends with a period. *You* is understood, even though it is not stated.

Your Turn

Label each type of sentence. Write *Declarative, Imperative, Interrogative, or Exclamatory*. Add the correct punctuation to each sentence.

1. What kind of tea should you use _____
2. I prefer herbal or decaffeinated teas _____
3. Put eight teabags in a pitcher _____
4. Do NOT let the tea-bag tags fall in _____
5. Fill the pitcher with cold water _____
6. You need to set the pitcher in the sun _____
7. The sunshine will brew the tea _____
8. Wow, that tastes great _____
9. Would you like some lemon _____



Writing her how-to article got Kim interested in tea. She did some research and found these facts. Rewrite Kim's sentences so that they're not all declarative.

10. Tea is an ancient beverage.

11. People drank tea in China as early as the 500s.

12. Europeans learned about tea in the 1700s.

13. Dutch traders brought back tea leaves from China.

14. Black, green, and oolong tea are now very popular.

15. There's a legend about how tea came into use.

16. A holy person in India felt sleepy.

17. He chewed on some tea leaves and suddenly was awake.

18. That's why people drink decaffeinated tea.

Editing

Edit Kim's sentences. Add the correct punctuation and capitalization.

Mistakes	Capitalization	6
	Punctuation	8
	Spelling	6

Tea plants grow in India, China, Sri Lanka, Japan, and Indonesia wild tea plants grow to a height of thirty feet or more Cultivated tea plants are actually small shrubs They are pruned to the height of a person or even shorter pruning forces the shrub to produce more leaves can you imagine what a tea leaf looks like it is long and leathery, much like the leaf of a willow tree once a year the tea plant blossoms the flowers are ever so lovely