

The form of the main clause in a sentence shows whether it is being used as a statement, question, command or exclamation.

Statements

Statements tell you something. We use them in everyday conversations.

It was early in the morning.

I'd never been to the zoo. I liked the music playing on the radio.

It was a best-selling book.

Just a reminder...

A main clause contains one idea or event, a verb and <u>alwavs</u> makes sense on its own.

Questions

Questions ask you something and end with a question mark.

Who said that? Can you help me? What's the time?

Commands

Commands tell you to do something. The verb is usually the first word in the sentence.

Stay there! Tidy your room. Leave me alone.

Exclamations

Exclamations are usually said with a strong emotion such as anger or surprise. They end with an exclamation mark.

What a fantastic answer! That's great news! Great result!