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Sentence Fluency

Blasting Off to Space Academy
Grammar: Connect to Writing

No Sentence Variety	Varied Sentence Types
I would like you to read this paragraph about Mars. Mars used to be very different from the way it is today. I wonder what you know about Mars already.	Read this paragraph about Mars. How different Mars used to be from the way it is today! What do you know about Mars already? Read on to find out more.

Activity Change each underlined declarative sentence to another kind of sentence. Write the new sentences on the lines below.

Mars is the fourth planet from the sun. From Earth, the planet appears red. I wonder whether there was ever life on Mars. Finding solid proof that life existed on another planet would be exciting. There is evidence of water in the rich, red rocks that cover Mars' surface.

Some people think that humans might be able to live on Mars someday. I do not want you to think that moving to Mars would be easy. Mars has seasons, just like Earth, but the seasons are different. It is much colder on Mars. The Martian atmosphere is different from Earth's. It is safe to say that humans will have a lot more work to do before anyone sets up a home on Mars.

1. (interrogative) _____
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2. (exclamatory) _____
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3. (imperative) _____
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4. (exclamatory) _____
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Kinds of Sentences

A **declarative sentence** tells something. An **imperative sentence** gives an order. They both end with a period.

An **interrogative sentence** asks a question. It ends with a question mark. An **exclamatory sentence** expresses strong feeling. It ends with an exclamation point.

Who can be an astronaut?

Thinking Question
Does this sentence tell something, ask something, give an order, or express strong feeling?

Activity **Write the sentence using correct end punctuation and capitalization. Then label the sentence *declarative*, *imperative*, *interrogatory*, or *exclamatory*.**

1. tell me all you know about the first satellite in space

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2. why didn't we send satellites into space before the 1950s

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3. we'll tell you why there were no satellites in space before the 1950s

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4. how exciting it must be to work in the space industry

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Declarative and Interrogative Sentences

A **declarative sentence** tells something. It ends with a period.

Astronauts weigh less on the moon than on Earth.

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

Why do astronauts weigh one-sixth their weight on Earth in space?

Thinking Question
Does this sentence tell something or ask something?

Activity Write the sentence using correct end punctuation and capitalization. Then label the sentence *declarative* or *interrogative*.

1. the Hubble telescope travels outside of Earth's atmosphere

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2. have you seen any pictures of distant space objects taken by the telescope

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3. why don't we just send astronauts into space to take pictures

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4. astronauts did go up in the space shuttle to fix the Hubble telescope

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