Declarative and exclamatory are two types of sentences. As an English student, you will know by now that sentences can be of several different types.

An exclamatory sentence is self-explanatory: these sentences end with exclamation marks, which means that they express strong emotion of some kind. Here is an example of an exclamatory sentence: "I am fed up with the rain!" A declarative sentence is a statement and will end in a full stop. This is an example of a declarative sentence: "It has been raining now for ten days straight." An interrogative sentence is a question and this type of sentence will end in a question mark. Here is an example: "Can you remember the last day that it didn't rain?" Finally, you should be able to recognise an imperative or a command. These always include an imperative verb, which is often placed at the beginning of the sentence. Here the verb is "shut": "Shut the window before the curtains get wet!" Commands can end in full stops or exclamation marks depending on how urgent the instruction is. Be careful not to confuse them with exclamatory sentences.

See if you can you identify the type of sentence for each of the following. If you get all 10 correct, you're on your way to understanding types of sentences!

1. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. It is my fourteenth birthday on Saturday.
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question

2. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. When is your birthday?
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question

3. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. Do your homework by next week.
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question

4. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. I've got to finish my homework by next week!
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question

5. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. Will you finish your homework by next week?
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question

6. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. Do the exercise on page 20.
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question

7. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. I'll complete my homework by next week.
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question

8. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. Will you finish work early today? I need your help!
   [ ] Exclamatory, interrogative
   [ ] Imperative, exclamatory
   [ ] Interrogative, declarative
   [ ] Interrogative, exclamatory

9. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. Sit down quickly. You are late!
   [ ] Declarative, imperative
   [ ] Exclamatory, imperative
   [ ] Imperative, exclamatory
   [ ] Interrogative, exclamatory

10. Choose the correct sentence type for the following. I can't complete my homework by next week. Help me!
    [ ] Declarative, exclamatory
    [ ] Declarative, imperative
    [ ] Exclamatory, imperative
    [ ] Imperative, exclamatory

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   [x] Declarative - making a statement
   [ ] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question
   A declarative sentence states that something is so.

2. Choose the correct sentence type for the following.
   When is your birthday?
   [ ] Declarative - making a statement
   [x] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   [ ] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   [ ] Interrogative - asking a question
   An interrogative sentence asks a question.

3. Choose the correct sentence type for the following.
   Do your homework by next week.
   [x] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   An imperative sentence usually starts with a verb and gives a command or instruction (in this case the verb is "do").

4. Choose the correct sentence type for the following.
   I've got to finish my homework by next week!
   [x] Exclamatory - emphatic, exclaiming
   Exclamatory sentences end with an exclamation mark.

5. Choose the correct sentence type for the following.
   Will you finish your homework by next week?
   [x] Interrogative - asking a question
   Interrogative sentences end with a question mark.

6. Choose the correct sentence type for the following.
   Do the exercise on page 20.
   [x] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   Imperative sentences begin with a verb in its imperative form "Wash the dishes"; "Take off your shoes".

7. Choose the correct sentence type for the following.
   I'll complete my homework by next week.
   [x] Imperative - giving a command or instruction
   A declarative sentence is a statement.

8. Choose the correct sentence type for the following.
   I can't complete my homework by next week. Help me!
   [x] Imperative, exclamatory
   There are two sentences of different sorts: the first makes a statement of the situation, the second demands help (even the person addressed has no obligation to obey). Don't be fooled by the exclamation mark!