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Declarative (Statement)

Purpose: Gives information, expresses facts, opinions, or ideas.

Structure: Usually subject + verb. Ends with a full stop (period).

Example: “The students are learning English.”

“The students are **not** learning English.”

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Interrogative (Question)

Definition: Asks something or requests information.

Structure: Usually begins with a wh-word or auxiliary verb. Ends with a question mark.

Example: “Are the students learning English?”

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Imperative (Command/Request)

Definition: Gives orders, instructions, advice, or invitations.

Structure: Often starts with a verb in base form. Subject ‘you’ is understood. Ends with a full stop or exclamation mark.

Examples: “Please open your books.” / “Sit down!”

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Exclamatory (Strong Feeling)

Definition: Expresses surprise, joy, anger, excitement, etc.

Structure: Usually begins with What or How + subject + verb. Ends with an exclamation mark.

Example: “What a wonderful class this is!”

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Optative (Wish)

Definition: Optative sentences express wishes, hopes, or prayers.

Structure: They often begin with “may” or “wish.”

Example: “May you live long!” or “Wish you all the best!”

These are less common, but they do perform a specific function of expressing desire.

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Conditional Sentences

Definition: Conditional sentences express conditions and their possible results. Although they are normally taught under sentence structure, they can be seen as functional because they show a cause and result relationship.

Example:

- 1) “If you heat water to 100 degrees, it boils.” (**Zero Conditional**)
- 2) “If it rains, we will stay inside.” (**First Conditional**)
- 3) “If I had a million rupees, I would start a business.” (**Second Conditional**)
- 4) “If you had studied harder, you would have passed the exam.” (**Third Conditional**)

Spot the Function

- The students are working quietly.
- What a wonderful view this is!
- Are you ready for the test?
- Please pass me the book.
- If it rains, we will cancel the picnic.
- May Allah bless you with success.
- The sun rises in the east.
- How cold it is today!
- Close the door.
- Who is knocking at the door?

Make all forms of sentences

- The teacher is explaining the lesson.
- It is very hot today.
- They are coming to the party.
- We will travel tomorrow.
- She likes reading books.
- Ali will call you tonight.

Spot the Function (Example)

The teacher is explaining the lesson.

- “Is the teacher explaining the lesson?” (interrogative)
- “Explain the lesson!” (imperative)
- “How well the teacher explains the lesson!” (exclamatory)
- “May the teacher explain the lesson well!” (optative)

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