Imperative and Exclamatory Sentences

An imperative sentence gives a command or makes a request. It usually begins with a verb and ends with a period. The subject of an imperative sentence (you) is not shown, but it is understood. An exclamatory sentence shows strong feeling or surprise. Exclamatory sentences end with an exclamation mark.

**Imperative sentence:** Make a wish.
**Exclamatory sentence:** I had a wonderful birthday!

Read each sentence. Write C if the end punctuation is correct. Write NC if the end punctuation is not correct.

1. That is the biggest tamale I’ve ever seen. (exclamatory)
2. Mix the cornmeal carefully. (imperative)
3. Please hang up the piñata! (imperative)
4. I smashed that piñata to bits! (exclamatory)
5. Bring the presents outside! (imperative)

Read each sentence. Write the correct end punctuation.

6. I can’t wait for my birthday party
7. Tell my friends they are all invited
8. Make sure they arrive on time
9. What great friends I have
10. I love a big party
Write each sentence and add the correct end punctuation. Then write I if the sentence is imperative. Write E if the sentence is exclamatory.

1. Blow out the candles
2. What a beautiful present she gave you
3. I can’t believe how many gifts you have
4. Make sure your guests have a good time
5. That was a great party
6. Boy, there’s so much food left
7. Please help me clean up
8. Don’t use that clean towel

Write an imperative sentence and an exclamatory sentence for each event.

9. visiting a museum
10. going fishing
11. playing a game
12. cooking with your family
Review and Assess

Read each sentence. Write E if the sentence is exclamatory. Write I if the sentence is imperative.

1. Look at the stars.
2. What a beautiful night!
3. I can’t believe how many stars there are!
4. Tell me if you see a shooting star.
5. Make a wish on that star.

Write the letter of the answer that best completes the type of sentence in ( ).

6. _____ outside with me. (imperative)
   A My dog went  C Will you go
   B Eric wants to  D Come

7. Look at the _____ (imperative)
   A moon  C me.
   B moon.  D me!

8. It is so big and _____ (exclamatory)
   A bright.  C bright!
   B small.  D small?

9. _____ the brightest star. (imperative)
   A I like  C I see
   B I want  D Show me

10. I love the sparkling night _____ (exclamatory)
    A sky!  C I.
    B sky?  D sparkle.