

Sentences That Command

Reading and Discussion

There are four kinds of sentences:

1. **Telling sentences** tell us something or state a fact.
2. **Asking sentences** ask a question.
3. **Exclamatory sentences** show excitement.
4. **Command sentences** command or tell someone to do something.

There are two things to remember about **Command sentences**:

1. Always begin with a **capital letter** and end with a **period**.
2. When writing command sentences, it is often polite to begin with the word *please*.

Read the command sentences below.

- Please feed the puppy.
- Find your shoes.
- Stop jumping on the bed.

Name _____

Date _____

Activities

Activity A: Is it a command? If the sentence below is a command, put a C on the blank line. If it is not a command, put an X on the blank line.

1. _____ Please turn off the television.
2. _____ Write a poem.
3. _____ Stop jumping on the sofa.
4. _____ Did you do your homework?
5. _____ My dog is brown and white.
6. _____ Walk the dog, Gail.
7. _____ May I bring cupcakes to school?
8. _____ Stay out of the puddles.
9. _____ Jump over the mud.
10. _____ Please draw a picture for me.

Activity B: Command sentences end with a period. Telling sentences end with a period. Asking sentences end with a question mark. Read the sentences below and put the correct punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.

1. Thomas Gallaudet is famous
2. Have you ever heard of him
3. Thomas Gallaudet learned to use sign language in France
4. Please help me teach deaf students
5. He founded a school for hearing impaired people
6. Support the American Asylum for Deaf-Mutes
7. Gallaudet improved the lives of deaf people in the United States
8. Could you speak to a deaf person
9. Learn sign language
10. Do something to improve the lives of others

Activity C: Change each sentence below into a command. Write the new sentence on the line following. Your sentence may not include all the words of the original sentence.

1. You should do your homework. _____
2. Can you plant a sunflower seed. _____

Name _____

Date _____

Answer Key

Activity A

1. C Please turn off the television.
2. C Write a poem.
3. C Stop jumping on the sofa.
4. X Did you do your homework?
5. X My dog is brown and white.
6. C Walk the dog, Gail.
7. X May I bring cupcakes to school?
8. C Stay out of the puddles.
9. C Jump over the mud.
10. C Please draw a picture for me.

Activity B

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Activity C

1. Do your homework.
2. Plant a sunflower seed.