**The four types of sentences in the English language include:**

* Declarative sentence
* Imperative sentence
* Interrogative sentence
* Exclamatory sentence

**And there are only three punctuation marks with which to end a sentence:**

* Period
* Question mark
* Exclamation point

**Using different types of sentences and punctuation, students can vary the tone of their writing assignments and express a variety of thoughts and emotions.**

A **declarative sentence** simply makes a statement or expresses an opinion. In other words, it makes a declaration. This kind of sentence ends with a period.

**Examples of this sentence type:**

“I want to be a good writer.”  (makes a statement)

“My friend is a really good writer.” (expresses an opinion)

An **imperative sentence** gives a command or makes a request. It usually ends with a period but can, under certain circumstances, end with  an exclamation point.

**Examples of this sentence type:**

“Please sit down.”

“I need you to sit down now!”

An **interrogative sentence** asks a question. This type of sentence often begins with who, what, where, when, why, how, or do, and it ends with a question mark.

**Examples of this sentence type:**

“When are you going to turn in your writing assignment?”

“Do you know what the weather will be tomorrow?”

An **exclamatory sentence** is a sentence that expresses great emotion such as excitement, surprise, happiness and anger, and ends with an exclamation point.

**Examples of this sentence type:**

“It is too dangerous to climb that mountain!”

“I got an A on my book report!”