Sentence Types and Functions

Practice

Exercise 1: Identify each of the following sentences as *declarative*, *interrogative*, *imperative*, or *exclamatory*.

- 1. How beautiful a street is in winter!
- 2. Have the skillet hot and keep it well-greased.
- 3. We boarded our train with feelings of unbounded relief.
- 4. Where were the blackbirds?
- 5. Always obey your parents, when they are present.
- 6. The house was so big that there was always a room to hide in, and I had a red pony and a garden where I could wander.

Key answers

- 1. Exclamatory sentence
- 2. Imperative sentence
- 3. Declarative sentence
- 4. Interrogative sentence
- 5. Imperative sentence
- 6. Declarative sentence

Exercise 2: Read the following sentences and identify their types.

- 1. The girl looked at her brother and smiled.
- 2. I try to eat healthy food, but because fast food is so convenient, I cannot maintain a healthy diet.
- 3. The water was so cold that we could not swim in it.
- 4. The little girl started crying when she couldn't find her toy.
- 5. As soon as the bell rang, the children rushed out.
- 6. We saw a film which was based on the life of Nelson Mandela.
- 7. I travelled to Paris and my brother travelled to Rome.
- 8. Working hard is the key to success.

Key answers

- 1. The girl looked at her brother and smiled.
- → Compound sentence
- 2. I try to eat healthy food, but because fast food is so convenient, I cannot maintain a healthy diet.
- → Compound complex sentence
- 3. The water was so cold that we could not swim in it.
- → Complex sentence
- 4. The little girl started crying when she couldn't find her toy.
- → Complex sentence
- 5. As soon as the bell rang, the children rushed out.
- → Simple sentence
- 6. We saw a film though it was not our choice.
- → Complex sentence
- 7. I travelled to Paris and my brother travelled to Rome.
- → Compound sentence
- 8. Working hard is the key to success.
- → Simple sentence