

KINDS OF SENTENCES.

2. When the sentence tells or declares something, it is a **declarative sentence**; as, *Birds fly. The dog runs. The girl laughs.*

When the sentence commands or entreats, it is an **imperative sentence**; as, *Come here. Make haste. Let me go. Do study your lesson.*

When the sentence asks a question, it is an **interrogative sentence**; as, *Do birds fly? Are you hungry? Can you read?*

When the sentence expresses emotion, or feeling, it is an **exclamatory sentence**; as, *What a pleasant day it is! How cold it is!*

EXERCISE.

Tell whether each of the following sentences is declarative, imperative, interrogative, or exclamatory.

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| (1) Man is mortal. | (5) Study, boys. |
| (2) Is man mortal? | (6) Run, Fido. |
| (3) Iron is a metal. | (7) Do boys like to skate? |
| (4) Is iron a metal? | (8) How sweetly it sings! |
| (9) A pretty bluebird flew to the apple-tree. | |

SUBJECT AND PREDICATE.

3. A sentence may be divided into two parts. One part names and frequently describes the person or thing spoken of, and is called the **subject**.

The other part tells something about the person or thing spoken of, and is called the **predicate**.