

Classifying Sentences by Purpose A

- 1h.** A **declarative sentence** makes a statement and ends with a period.
- 1i.** An **imperative sentence** gives a command or makes a request.
- 1j.** An **interrogative sentence** asks a question and ends with a question mark.
- 1k.** An **exclamatory sentence** shows excitement or strong feeling and ends with an exclamation point.

DECLARATIVE I asked the librarian for help.

IMPERATIVE Help me. or Help me!

INTERROGATIVE What is the Trail of Tears?

EXCLAMATORY What a sad part of American history it is!

EXERCISE A Classify each of the following sentences by purpose. On the line provided, write *DEC* for declarative, *IMP* for imperative, *INT* for interrogative, or *EXC* for exclamatory.

Example DEC 1. The Cherokee were forced from their homeland in the Southeast.

- _____ 1. This forced migration became known as the Trail of Tears.
- _____ 2. Look at this map.
- _____ 3. Many migrated west to what is now Oklahoma.
- _____ 4. How many Cherokee escaped the Trail of Tears?
- _____ 5. How tragic the story is!

EXERCISE B Rewrite each of the sentences below using the instructions given in brackets.

Example 1. George Catlin began painting professionally in the 1820s. [*Ask a question.*]

When did George Catlin begin painting professionally?

6. George Catlin painted portraits of many of the Plains Indians. [*Ask a question.*]

7. Have you seen Catlin's picture of the Seminole chief Osceola? [*Make a statement.*]

8. Osceola looks handsome and grand in that picture. [*Express strong feeling.*]

9. Catlin created more than five hundred pictures showing American Indian life. [*Ask a question.*]

10. For more information about Catlin, you may want to read this book. [*Give a command.*]
