The same idea can be expressed in many different ways.

Study the examples given below.

- Can anybody bear such an insult?
- Nobody can bear such an insult.

The first sentence is a question; the second sentence is a statement. Both sentences express nearly the same idea.

Negative yes/no questions often suggest a positive situation. Now another example is given below.

- Isn’t health more precious than wealth?
- Health is more precious than wealth.

Study the sentences given in the following table. In Column A you can find interrogative sentences. In Column B assertive sentences with similar meanings are given.

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<td>Didn’t they enjoy themselves at the party?</td>
<td>They enjoyed themselves at the party.</td>
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<td>Will we ever forget these good days?</td>
<td>We will never forget these good days.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Can’t we work harder?</td>
<td>We can work harder.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Isn’t John taller than his brother?</td>
<td>John is taller than his brother.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Haven’t I done enough for you?</td>
<td>I have done enough for you.</td>
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**Transformation of an exclamatory sentence into an affirmative sentence**

An exclamatory sentence can be converted into an affirmative sentence. In the same way, an affirmative sentence can be converted into an exclamatory sentence. Study the examples given below.

- What a beautiful sight it was! (Exclamatory)
- It was a very beautiful sight. (Affirmative)
- Oh, were I a princess! (Exclamatory)
- I wish I were a princess. (Assertive)
- What a cold night it is!
It is a very cold night.

What a lovely smile your sister has!

Your sister has a very lovely smile.

**Changing an imperative sentence into an interrogative sentence**

An imperative sentence can be changed into an interrogative sentence. Examples are given below.

- Please open the door. (Imperative)
- Will you open the door, please? (Interrogative)
- Please have something to drink. (Imperative)
- Will you have something to drink, please? (Interrogative)
- Please keep quiet. (Imperative)
- Will you please keep quiet? (Interrogative)