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... of clauses are classified according to the functions they performed in discourse. The classification takes into consideration discourse-related aspects of sentence structure.

DECLARATIVE clauses make statements (*All of them are happy.*).

INTERROGATIVE clauses make questions (*Are they happy?*).

IMPERATIVE clauses make commands and instructions (*Be happy!*) and

EXCLAMATORY clauses make exclamations (*How happy they are!*).

However, beyond discourse functions (statements, questions, directives and exclamations) pragmatic functions exist. Pragmatically, there have been a number of speech acts interlocutors perform in communication such as:

1. GREETING (greeting, requesting, begging, inviting),

2. PROMISING (promising, guaranteeing),

3. APOLOGISING (apologising, apologising),

4. BLESSING (blessing, christening and divorcing formulas, resigning), or

5. DENYING (denying, hypothesising).