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Defining the Sentence

A sentence is a complete thought.

The girls sang. Where is your coat? Stop the car. Quit making so much noise!

On the other hand, phrases are groups of words that are not complete thoughts. They are not sentences.

The swing set. What is the? Laughing loudly. My homework!

A sentence has one of four purposes:

to *tell*: I like to eat ice cream.

to *ask*: Will you come to my party?

to *order*: Please pack me a lunch.

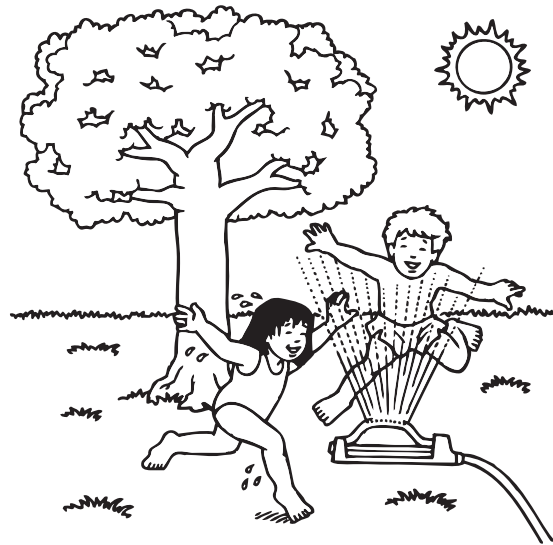
to *shout*: That's a big plane!

Directions: Read each sentence or phrase. Then, mark it as one of the following:

Tells Asks Orders Shouts Phrase (not a sentence)

Example: A What time does the show begin?

- _____ 1. What a beautiful day!
- _____ 2. Ran through the sprinkler.
- _____ 3. Where did you put the dictionary?
- _____ 4. My uncle is at the hardware store.
- _____ 5. Is she in trouble?
- _____ 6. There's no time to lose!
- _____ 7. We each have.
- _____ 8. It was a dark and stormy night.
- _____ 9. Do your homework.
- _____ 10. How did that happen?
- _____ 11. Under the desk.
- _____ 12. Stay away from the hot burner.



Discovering Subjects and Verbs

A sentence must have a subject. The subject can be a noun (*person, place, thing, or idea*). It can also be a pronoun (*I, we, you, he, she, it, they*).

A sentence must have a verb. The verb may say what the subject does/did, or it may tell about the subject.

Lara walked to the ice rink. *subject:* Lara *verb:* walked

He is a great football player. *subject:* He *verb:* is

When a sentence is a command, the subject may not be included. The subject is *you*.

Set the table for dinner. *subject:* You *verb:* set

In a question, the verb may be split. The first part comes before the subject. The rest comes after.

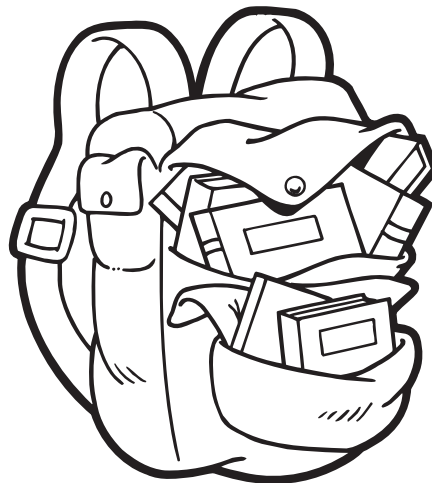
Did Cory sell all of the cookies? *subject:* Cory *verb:* did sell

Directions: Read each sentence. Underline the verb(s) and circle the subject. If the subject is not stated, write *You* at the end.

Examples: Let the dog out of its crate. You

Why did the fox run through your yard?

1. Benita opened the present.
2. How did you get to the carnival?
3. Dallas is a large city in Texas.
4. Close the curtains.
5. Taylor placed the vase on the table.
6. Please move your backpack.
7. When did you last see Edward?
8. The school bell rang at 7:30 a.m.
9. Draw a picture for me.
10. Where is the TV remote?



Identifying Sentence Parts: Adjectives

Directions: A caret (^) lets you know that you need to add a word. At each caret, add an adjective.

Example: I like to eat ^{kidney} ^ beans.

(Lots of adjectives could work: *wax, baked, navy, chili, green*, etc.)

1. Isabella wanted to get the ^ notebook.
2. The ^ horse galloped past me.
3. The dessert that they most enjoy is ^ cake.
4. A ^ plane flew through the air.
5. We decided to sit in the ^ row.
6. Jackson finally showed up after ^ hours.
7. Madelyn drank a glass of ^ juice.
8. When did she pick up the ^ suitcase?
9. The ^ gate wasn't locked.
10. The ^ rabbit crashed through the underbrush with the fox close behind.
11. It was hard to choose between the green and the ^ poster board.
12. That ^ truck never even slowed down!
13. Gavin liked the ^ display in the museum.
14. When the lightning struck the ^ tree, it burst into flames.
15. Did Abigail eat a piece of ^ pie yesterday?



Making Sentence Sense

look why get she wow stop clean were
 how those please they let what did ~~where~~

Directions: Pick the word from the box that completes each sentence. Write it on the line with a capital letter. Cross out the word after you have used it. Add a punctuation mark at the end of the sentence.

Example: Where did you find his backpack ?

1. _____ go of that
2. _____ worked together to search through the boxes
3. _____ would anyone steal an old stamp album
4. _____ lifted the treasure chest's lid and peeked inside
5. _____ away from those flames
6. _____ the bus at the fourth house on the left
7. _____ Uncle Scott say "yes" or "no"
8. _____ answer the question
9. _____ the fawns near our trailer
10. _____ , that's awful
11. _____ are my shoes
12. _____ out below
13. _____ the shower stall
14. _____ much does this video game system cost
15. _____ is wrong with the microwave

