

The Sentence

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Look at each group of words given below.



1. The children are playing with a ball.



2. The cow is grazing.



3. The birds flew away.

Each group of words says something. It says what is shown in the picture.

Each group of words has a meaning and makes complete sense.

A group of words that makes complete sense is called a **sentence**.

Read the group of words given below.

'The rises the east in Sun.'



The above group of words does not make any sense. It is meaningless. So it is not a sentence.

Now let's rearrange these words in proper order to make a sentence.

'The Sun rises in the east.'

We see that when words are placed in proper order, they make sense and become a sentence.



Remember

1. A sentence must be a group of words placed in proper order so that it makes complete sense.
2. A sentence must begin with a capital letter.
3. A sentence must end with a full stop (.) or a question mark (?) or an exclamation mark (!).

A sentence can be long or short

A sentence may have as many or as few words as required, to make complete sense. A sentence can even be of one word, provided it conveys complete sense. Suppose, I want you to come. I shall say, "Come". This is just a one word sentence. You will know what I mean. Here, "come" makes complete sense.

Though the word 'you' is not mentioned, you know that the sentence is meant for you.

EXERCISES



Join the words under 'A' with the groups of words under 'B' to form meaningful sentences.

A	B
1. Flowers	a. runs on rails. (4)
2. Mice	b. shine at night. (5)
3. Englishmen	c. grow in the garden. (1)
4. The train	d. fear cats. (2)
5. Stars	e. speak English. (3)

B Arrange the group of words given below to make proper sentences. (Remember to start with a capital letter and put a full stop at the end.)

1. desk my are on books the *The books are on my desk*
2. the Earth the Sun goes round *The Earth goes round the Sun.*
3. build trees nests in birds *Birds build nests in trees.*
4. cow milk gives *Cow gives milk.*
5. the Sun the sky shines in *The Sun shines in the sky.*

C Match the word in List B that goes with the noun in List A.

A	B
1. Babies	a. bark (3)
2. Birds	b. burns (4)
3. Dogs	c. cry (1)
4. Fire	d. cut (6)
5. Fish	e. flow (8)
6. Knives	f. fly (2)
7. Lions	g. roar (7)
8. Rivers	h. swims (5)

D Put a (✓) against a proper sentence and a (X) if it is not a sentence.

1. She likes to eat. ✓
2. He likes. X
3. Would go. X
4. Ritu is a clever girl. ✓
5. We shall go for a walk. ✓
6. had bat I a bought. X
7. Cows eat grass. ✓
8. Can write. X
9. Brother is he my. X
10. A hen laid an egg. ✓