

GET TO GRIPS WITH GRAMMAR

Help sheet one: sentences and phrases

RULES FOR SENTENCES

1. Sentences:

- **Make sense all by themselves.**
- **Can be long or short.**
- **Always start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.**

2. A sentence may be:

- **A statement:** “England have won the World Cup.”
- **A question:** “Have you seen my maths text book?”
- **A command:** “Year Seven, stop talking in assembly!”
- **An exclamation:** “That was an unkind comment to make!”

A. Write out these sentences in the correct order, remembering to put in full stops and capital letters:

1. I had to work on my own at the back of mrs downie’s classroom
2. we were going on a school trip to cadbury’s world
3. we all slept in
4. when we got to school, the bus had left without me
5. my mum’s alarm clock did not go off
6. we had to be at the school gates for 8.30am
7. guess what i am buying mum for her birthday

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B. Sort out these sentences into statements, questions, commands and exclamations:

1. "I have just seen a brontosaurus walk down the street."
2. "What did you say?"
3. "He turned left at the butcher's."
4. "I don't believe it!"
5. "Look out of the window and see for yourself."
6. "You're right!"
7. "Quick, let's follow him."
8. "Are you sure that's a good idea?"
9. "Why, are you scared?"
10. "Of course not!"
11. "Well, come on then."

RULES FOR PHRASES

1. Phrases:

- **Are only parts of sentences.**
- **Do not make sense on their own.**
- **Need extra information in order to make sense and become sentences.**

2. It is easy to spot a phrase because there appears to be something missing from it. For example: at the back; very angry; ran across the playground; eating a marshmallow.

3. Phrases do not usually include verbs unless the verb is in the past tense (stood at the corner) or ends in "ing" (standing at the corner).

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A. Turn these phrases into sentences:

1. At the back.
2. Very angry.
3. Ran across the playground.
4. Eating a marshmallow.

B. Put together a phrase from the first column with a phrase from the second column to make a sentence:

The Tudors used to _____ is called the Star ship Enterprise.

Cows have _____ flame-proof mouths.

The spaceship in Star Trek _____ four stomachs.

The majority of dragons have _____ eat pansies in salads.

C. Below are five sentences and five phrases. Sort them out into two columns (do not forget full stops and capital letters):

1. i am addicted to east enders
2. shakespeare wrote 39 plays
3. you can just see her about to
4. all teachers are patient and kind-hearted
5. soft, crumbly biscuits
6. trolls are ugly creatures which live beneath bridges
7. which was a nasty surprise
8. five helpings of baked beans
9. england won in a penalty shoot out against germany
10. looking very upset