

Writing Basics Series

WRITING SENTENCES

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To The Teacher:

The pages in this book are designed to help students understand the sentence and to encourage them to become better writer-communicators.

They will learn about differences between a sentence and a fragment, word order, sentence parts, adding adjectives and adverbs, combining sentences, and producing sentences of their own.

Answer Key

Page 1

- S Watch me dive off the board.
- F under a tree
- S I hear thunder.
- S That is an ugly picture.
- F an exciting game
- F along the winding path
- S We watched the parade.
- F on my motorcycle
- F all over the town
- S The children played ball.

Page 2

- F soft green grass
 - S There was a bright moon.
 - F under the brown table
 - F watched the snow fall
 - S The wind moved the boat.
 - F the huge dark cave
 - F the clever porpoise
 - S The road is wide.
 - F Jerry and his sister
 - S We baked a cake.
 - F tacos for our lunch
 - F the big ape in the zoo
 - S Let's go swimming.
 - S Most ants are small.
 - F the strange music
 - F a speeding fire engine
 - S It gets very hot.
 - S The elephant is huge.
 - F a runaway ghost
 - S We enjoyed our vacation.
 - F a large black cat
 - S I washed my car.
 - F two hot dogs for lunch
- Sentences: 10; Fragments: 13

Page 3

1. Bats hang upside down when they sleep.
2. The new dress does not fit my sister.
3. Please behave yourself at the party.
4. We planted tulip bulbs in the fall.
5. Our class visited the Capitol Building yesterday.
6. Everyone will get cake for dessert.
7. She won a prize for her costume.
8. Our freezer is filled with vegetables.

Page 4

1. The messy pie ran down his clean shirt.
2. His quick action saved the boy's life.
3. You had plenty of exercise this summer.
4. Our team won the football game yesterday.
5. My dad's car had a flat tire.
6. Father cut his finger on the sharp knife.

Page 4 (cont.)

7. The detective came to take fingerprints.
8. The sheep are grazing in the meadow.

Page 5

1. An elephant
2. The ambulance
3. The flower petals
4. The books
5. The blue coat
6. The seals
7. The rocket
8. The dog
9. The water
10. This lemonade

Page 6

1. The lonely puppy
2. Streaks of lightning
3. The dinosaur
4. A powerful locomotive
5. The cold water
6. A beautiful butterfly
7. My dad's office
8. The busy squirrels
9. Cheddar cheese
10. Sleet and snow

Page 7

1. was flying around in the cave.
2. crashed into the fence.
3. is a story that teaches a lesson.
4. landed on the field.
5. was ripe.
6. needs to be painted.
7. buried his bone.
8. flew on a broom.
9. was blown down by the storm.
10. swallowed a dime.

Page 8

1. was blown away by the wind.
2. were very stubborn.
3. painted a beautiful picture.
4. is broken.
5. opens at 10:00 a.m.
6. is coming to town next week.
7. sang many popular songs.
8. flapped their wings wildly.
9. had many broken windows.
10. will fight to protect its cubs.

Page 9

1. A lake is surrounded by land.
2. A glacier is made of ice.
3. A volcano shoots out lava.
4. A whale is an animal that swims.
5. Tea is made from leaves.
6. An island is surrounded by water.

Page 10

1. Rattlesnakes are poisonous animals.
2. A lizard can grow a new tail.
3. Sand dunes are big hills of sand.
4. Deserts receive very little rain.
5. A cactus does not have leaves.
6. The desert tortoise is a slow, clumsy animal.

Pages 11, 12, 13 - Answers will vary.

Page 14

1. Lemons are sour.
2. This rose is beautiful.
3. That pie was delicious.
4. This candy is too sweet.
5. That movie was excellent/boring.
6. The siren sounded loud.
7. The toaster is broken.
8. That book was excellent/boring.

Page 15

1. quickly
2. quietly
3. carefully
4. badly
5. loudly

Page 16 - Answers will vary.

Page 17

1. frightened, rapidly
2. Fluffy, slowly
3. loud, suddenly
4. lost, safely
5. colorful, completely
- 6., 7., 8. Answers will vary.

Page 18

1. The child crawled onto the bed and took a nap.
2. Steve put on his skates and went skating.
3. Jim mowed the lawn and watered the grass.
4. Katie ran the fastest and won the race.
5. The boy fell off his skateboard and hurt his knee.
6. Mrs. Jones ate lunch and went shopping.

Page 19

1. The forest is full of trees and animals.
2. Lynn filed and polished her nails.
3. Jeff has four quarters and three dimes in his pocket.
4. The road was very crooked and bumpy.
5. Brian likes to play baseball and football.
6. There are catfish and trout in the lake.

Pages 20 - 30 - Answers will vary.

Name _____

ABOUT SENTENCES

A sentence is a group of words that makes sense by itself.
A fragment is a part of a sentence that does not make sense alone.
A sentence can tell you something or it can ask you something.
Every sentence must begin with a capital letter and
end with a punctuation mark.

DIRECTIONS: Some of the word groups below are sentences, and others are fragments. Write "S" in front of the sentences and put capital letters and periods where they belong. Write "F" if the word group is a fragment.

EXAMPLE: S ^The boy broke my ruler.
 F a rainy day

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_____ i hear thunder

_____ that is an ugly picture

_____ an exciting game

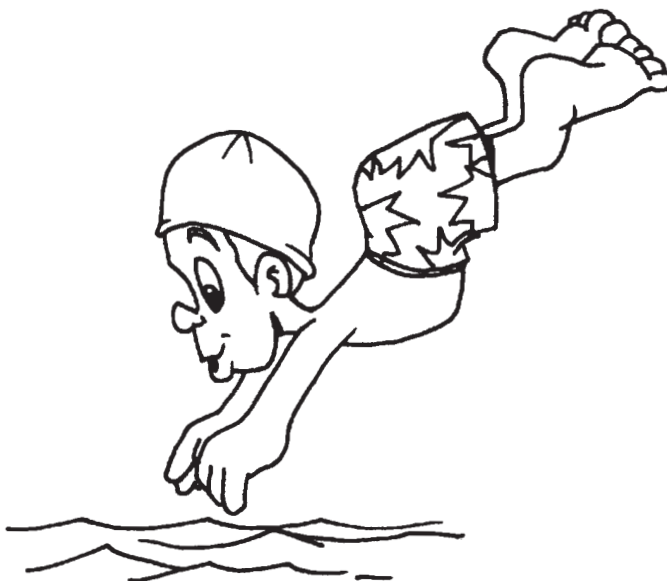
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_____ the children played ball



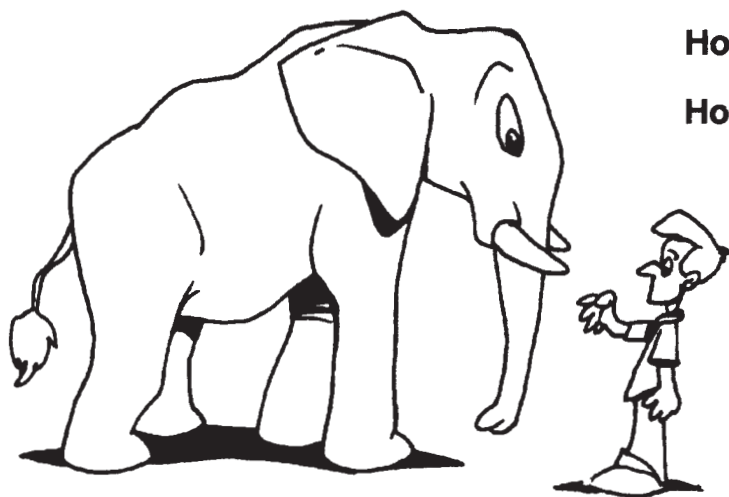
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Name _____

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| _____ tacos for our lunch | _____ two hot dogs for lunch |
| _____ the big ape in the zoo | |



How many sentences? _____

How many fragments? _____

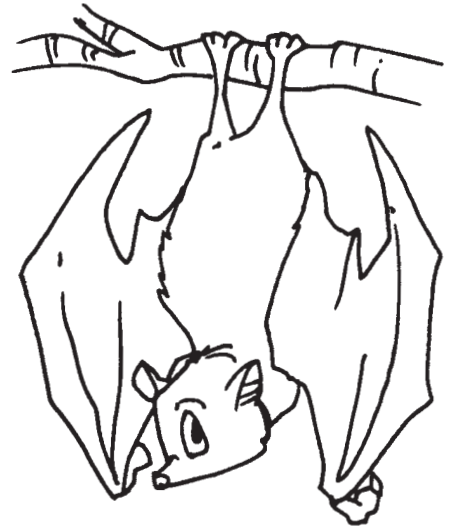
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WORD ORDER

Sets of words have meaning only if the words are in the right order.

These sets of words can be written as sentences if you change the word order. Write them correctly. The first one has been done for you.



1. sleep bats when down hang upside they

Bats hang upside down when they sleep.

2. dress the new fit my not sister does

3. yourself party the at behave please

4. planted the in bulbs fall tulip we

5. building the our capitol visited class yesterday

6. dessert cake everyone get will for

7. costume prize a she won for her

8. vegetables filled is with freezer our

CHALLENGE: Write two scrambled sentences. Ask a friend to unscramble them.

Name _____

WORD ORDER

These sets of words can be written as sentences if you change the word order. Write them correctly.

1. ran messy pie down shirt clean his the

2. boy's the saved action life quick his

3. exercise had you summer this of plenty

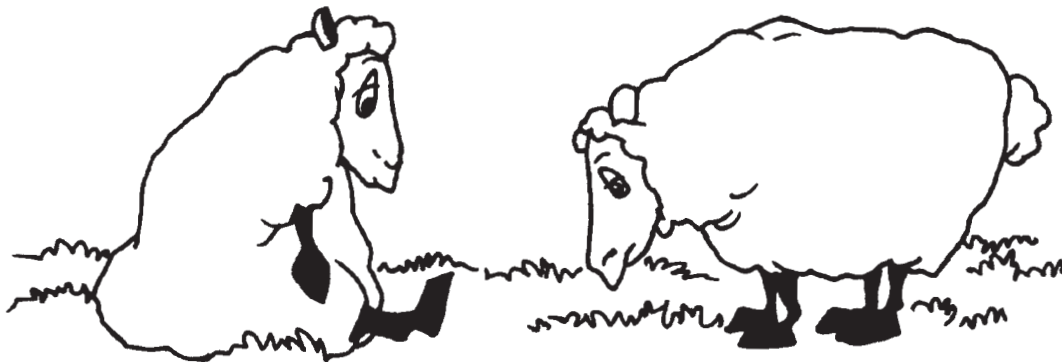
4. team our game the football won yesterday

5. car my a flat dad's had tire

6. his finger cut sharp father on knife the

7. fingerprints came take to detective the

8. grazing the are in sheep meadow the

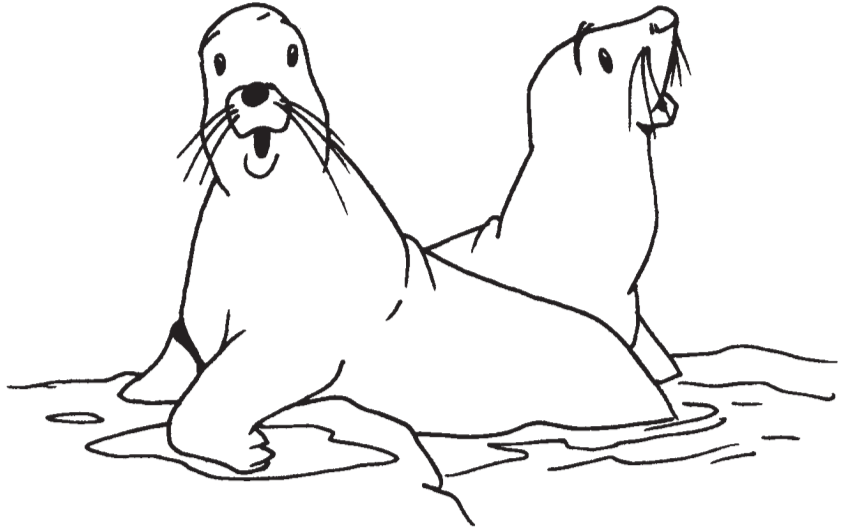


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SENTENCE PARTS

this lemonade
the flower petals
the books
the blue coat
the ambulance
an elephant
the water
the seals
the dog
the rocket



DIRECTIONS: Choose a phrase from above and match it with one of the phrases below to make a sentence.

1. _____ is the largest animal.
2. _____ sped by at eighty miles per hour.
3. _____ have fallen off.
4. _____ were in the library.
5. _____ will match my dress.
6. _____ played in the water.
7. _____ exploded in mid-air.
8. _____ was panting.
9. _____ is shallow.
10. _____ is too bitter for me.

CHALLENGE: Add words of your own to the fragments to make complete sentences.

over the fence beautiful view crashing waves