

2. The Sentence



GRAMMAR

REWIND



Arrange these groups of words so that they make sense.

1. Our class/for a picnic/went/last week.
2. the Lotus Garden/Arun/as the picnic spot/suggested.
3. was/Everyone/very excited.
4. baked/Our class teacher/a chocolate cake.
5. different kinds/All of us/of food/brought.
6. had/We/a wonderful time!



All the above groups of words make sense after you have placed them in the correct order.

A group of words that makes complete sense is called a **sentence**. A sentence always begins with a **capital letter** and ends with a **full stop**, a **question mark** or an **exclamation mark**.

Now, read these sentences.

- We went for a picnic last week.
- Our class teacher baked a chocolate cake.

In these sentences, the highlighted words are the **subjects**, and the underlined words are **verbs**. Let us see what happens if we remove either the subject or the verb.

- We for a picnic last week.
- baked a chocolate cake.

These sentences don't make sense. Thus, we see that every sentence should have a subject and a verb in order to make complete sense.

PRACTISE



A. Which of these are complete sentences? Rewrite the ones that are incomplete.

1. Oh, no! We our train. Incomplete
Oh, no! We missed our train.
2. likes listening to all kinds of music.
He likes listening to all kinds of music.
3. sleeps all the time.
She sleeps all the time.
4. How can I improve my handwriting?
Complete sentence.
5. Ravi's pet parrot a lot.
Ravi's pet parrot talks a lot.
6. Jaya loves watching cartoons.
Complete sentence
7. Wow, that such a beautiful painting!
Complete sentence
8. Have you ever seen Preeti fighting with anyone?
Complete sentence.



LEARN

Now, look at these groups of words. Would you say that these are sentences?



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| 1. in the rain | 2. at the station |
| 3. wearing a raincoat | 4. of wood |
| 5. crossing the road | 6. without waiting for a moment |

These groups of words make partial sense, but not complete sense. They do not begin with capital letters, nor do they end with full stops, question marks or exclamation marks. Therefore, these groups of words cannot be called sentences.

Groups of words that make partial sense are called phrases. A phrase does not have a verb.

PRACTISE



B. Make sentences with these phrases.

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| 1. for a minute | 2. a big red nose | 3. in the open air |
| 4. cloudy day | 5. coming back home | 6. in the middle |
| 7. at full speed | 8. after the party | |

CHALLENGE



C. Complete these sentences using the correct phrases from the box.

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| in your best handwriting | heavily all day |
| in the red saree | at the stroke of midnight |
| into the garden | into several pieces |

1. The lady in the red saree is my mother.
2. The vase fell and broke into several pieces.
3. It rained heavily all day.
4. Write this letter in your best handwriting.
5. At the stroke of midnight, she left the party.
6. Govind's dog ran into the garden.



RECAP

- A group of words that makes complete sense is called a sentence.
- Groups of words that make partial sense are called phrases.