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1 WHAT IS A SENTENCE?

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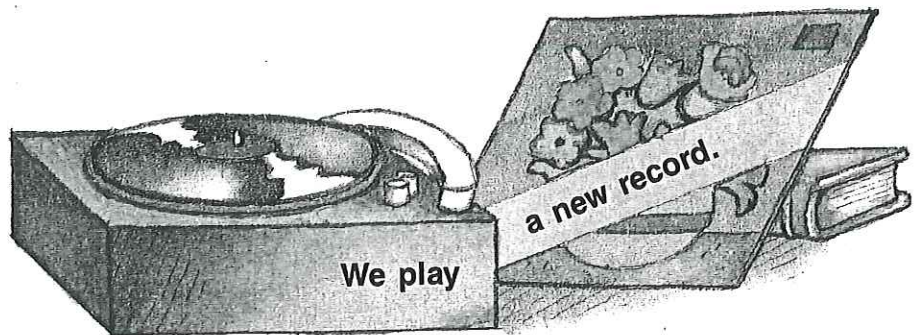
A sentence states an idea. A sentence is complete if it can stand alone and make sense. Every sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a punctuation mark.

Sentences

We planned Diane's birthday party.
Sabrina and Peter made the decorations.

Not Sentences

Served fruit and snacks.
Sabrina and others.



Guided Practice

Tell which groups of words are sentences and which are not sentences.

Example: A lovely dress. *not a sentence*

1. Made streamers for the party.
2. Barbara brought flowers.
3. Kept a secret.
4. Miguel found an interesting gift.
5. The records on the record player.

?! THINK

■ How can I decide if a group of words is a sentence?

**REMEMBER**

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More Practice

A. Write each group of words. Next to each group write **sentence or not a sentence**.

Example: a lonely morning. *not a sentence*

6. Diane was sad.
 7. No one wished her a happy birthday.
 8. She did not know about the party.
 9. The surprise party was a secret.
 10. Started at seven o'clock.
 11. Carlos, Roberta, Michele, and Diane's father.
 12. Looked for the perfect gift.
 13. Gave money for the gift.
 14. Alan took the money to the pet store.
 15. He bought a wonderful gift for Diane.
- B. Add words to each fragment to make it complete.

Example: An interesting pet.

I have an interesting pet.

16. Never saw one with white fur.
17. Would not hold it in his hand.
18. Always loved animals.
19. Punched holes in a box for the pet.
20. The most wonderful birthday.

Extra Practice, page 28

**WRITING APPLICATION A Description**

Write a paragraph that describes the best party you ever went to or imagined. What did you eat? What music was played? Who was there? Have a partner underline any group of words that does not express a complete thought.



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Sentence: A contest was announced.

Not a sentence: Heard about it on the radio.

Next to each group of words write **sentence** or **not a sentence**.

1. Jenny listened carefully. _____
2. Announcement on the radio. _____
3. Had to solve several riddles. _____
4. The riddles were in the newspaper. _____
5. A new riddle came out each day. _____
6. Led to the next answer. _____
7. Sort of like a treasure hunt. _____
8. Jenny couldn't wait to start. _____
9. Ran out for the morning newspaper. _____
10. She quickly turned to the contest page. _____
11. Jenny's eyes skimmed the letters. _____
12. At first, nothing made any sense to her. _____
13. Took a great big deep breath. _____
14. Jenny, all her friends, and a neighbor. _____
15. Jenny read the words carefully. _____
16. Everyone tried to solve the riddles. _____
17. Had answers to all the riddles by Friday. _____
18. Mailed in all her answers. _____
19. The sponsors of the contest called Jenny. _____
20. She won the grand prize. _____

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On Your Own Pair and Share In a Group

The Riddler

Read the following riddle.

Two of us here, we make quite a pair,
 Without us you wouldn't be dressed,
 But we really must say
 Though we work all the day,
 We're empty when it comes time for rest.
 What are we?

To solve the riddle, read each group of words below. Underline each group of words that is a sentence. Then write the first letter of each sentence on the lines below. Keep the letters in order.

1. Pete planned the party for Dad.
2. Are we late or early?
3. Some of the guests.
4. It looks like a great deal of fun.
5. Goes smoothly.
6. The very first guests who arrived.
7. Rosa wrapped the present in beautiful paper.
8. Our whole family made the food.
9. Got there just before Dad.
10. Fran baked a delicious birthday cake.
11. She made the cake early this morning.
12. Here is Dad now.
13. As soon as Dad walked into the house.
14. Open your presents before the meal.
15. Thanked everyone there for a wonderful party.
16. Excitement filled the air.
17. Sara took pictures of the party.
18. Much later than expected.
19. An enjoyable time.
20. Seemed very happy.
