

Lesson 5 What Is a Sentence?

A sentence is a group of words that tells a complete thought.

Here is a sentence about the girl in the picture below.

She is asleep.

Look at this sentence again.

She is asleep.

A sentence always begins
with a capital letter.

A sentence always ends
with a period.

Here are some more sentences. Circle the capital letter at the beginning of each sentence. Circle the period at the end.

1. The girl is waking up.
2. Her name is Pat.
3. Pat sits up in bed.
4. The sun is up.
5. Now, Pat is up, too.



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Here is a group of words.

She has over.



It has a capital letter at the beginning. It has a period at the end. But, it does not tell a complete thought. So, it is not a sentence.

Circle each group of words below that is a sentence.



She runs home.



Up the hill.



Calls to me.



I like to play.

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Sentences begin with a capital letter. They end with an end mark. This sentence is not correct.

we went to a movie

Here is how to correct it.

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we went to a movie.

Now, correct these sentences. Use the same marks from above.

1. we were almost late.
2. it was dark in there
3. Sam fell asleep
4. everyone liked the movie

Questions to Ask About a Sentence

Does it begin with a capital letter?

Does it end with an end mark?

Does it tell a complete thought?

Is there space between each word?