# Sentence Writing

#### Grades 1-3

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### What is a sentence?



1. A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses an idea or a thought. It begins with a capital letter and ends with a period (.).

### **Examples:**

September is the first month of autumn. The leaves turn color in the fall.

2. Some groups of words look like sentences but they are not. They are called **"pretenders"**.

### **Examples:**

Growing in the garden In the autumn months

Something is missing. The <u>thought</u> has not been finished.



<u>Underline</u> the groups of words that are sentences.

- 1. The trees in the orchard are full of apples.
- 2. A chubby, yellow pumpkin
- 3. The frisky squirrel scampered up the tree with a nut in his mouth.
- 4. The rabbit ran into its hole in the ground.
- 5. At the fair last month
- 6. Sailed across the sky
- 7. The pink petunia felt all alone in the pumpkin patch.
- 8. A great big turtle
- 9. The little bird flew out of the nest and sat on the edge of a branch.
- 10. Near the edge of a great forest
- 11. One day last summer
- 12. To a stop
- 13. The moon is shining brightly on the snow tonight.
- 14. All the little fluffy ducklings
- 15. The cattle were grazing quietly in the pasture.

## **Writing Sentences**



A sentence that tells something can be called a **telling** sentence.

It begins with a capital letter and ends with a period.

### **Example:**

The first little pig built a house of straw.

Neatly **copy** each sentence below on the lines provided. Remember to begin each sentence with a **capital letter** and put a **period** at the end of each one.

1.	the ugly green caterpillar turned slowly into a very beautiful butterfly
2.	the black squirrel scampered up the colorful maple tree
3.	a large red leaf fell softly into the muddy water puddle
4.	mother makes chocolate pudding that is smooth and sweet
5.	it was so dark and gloomy on the street that I did not see the black cat
6.	the dark sky told us that a storm was coming soon
7.	i found a treasure chest filled with shiny gold coins and sparkling jewels



## Something to Finish

Here are the beginnings of some sentences about bicycle safety.

Add words to finish them.

Make the sentences interesting.

1.	Every year my father checks
2.	I must stop my bicycle at
3.	When I make turns I must
4.	A bicycle is to be ridden
5.	It is dangerous to
6.	Every bicycle should have
7.	A bicycle should be
8.	Every bicycle rider must wear
9.	Do not ride your bicycle
10.	While riding a bicycle, things should be
11.	Wear light colors at night when
12.	Bicycles should be ridden on