

Language Arts Warm-Ups

Sentences

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. It has a subject and a predicate. Every sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a period, question mark, or exclamation point. *The African elephant is my favorite animal at the zoo. Did you feed the ducks? Wow, that lion is huge!*

Directions: Make **sentences** by adding words and proper punctuation to the groups of words below. Write the sentences on the lines.

1. my blue bike

2. ran extremely fast

3. Joe and Larry

4. before you catch a cold

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More Irregular Past Tense Verbs

An **irregular verb** does not have the **ed** ending when it is in the **past tense** form. Here are some examples:

- **present tense:** *swim, know, ride, write*
- **past tense:** *swam, knew, rode, wrote*

Directions: On the lines below, rewrite the sentences using the **past tense** form of the underlined verbs.

1. I know Angelo when I was just a little boy.

2. We grow up together in our old neighborhood.

3. We ride our bikes together every afternoon.

4. Angelo and I swim at the pool in the summer.

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More Practice Using Commas With Dates

When writing the date, put a **comma** between the day of the month and the year. Always capitalize the name of the month (*June 16, 2006*).

Directions: In each blank below, write the specified date using **commas** and capitalization correctly.

1. _____ your birthday
2. _____ tomorrow
3. _____ Labor Day of this year
4. _____ a date in the summer
5. _____ Sunday of this week

Directions: Write a sentence using a special date you remember (month, day, and year). Tell why the date is important to you. Use **commas** and capitalization correctly.

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More Vowel Pairs

When two vowels are next to each other in a word, the first vowel is often pronounced while the other one is silent. Look at the words in the word bank that contain the **vowel pair oa**.

Directions: Complete the sentences below with the words from the word bank.

1. I had a root beer _____ with my meal.
2. The castle was surrounded by a stinky _____.
3. To _____ means to brag.
4. All I could do was _____ when I heard we were having a quiz.
5. The _____ was happy when we won the football game.

Word Bank

coach moat float boast groan