

# CHAPTER 1

## THE SENTENCE

### 1. What is a sentence?

**A sentence is a word or a group of words giving a complete sense. It must have a subject and a predicate.**

**Note:**

- Words have to be put in a definite order to make a sense.
- Every sentence begins with a capital letter.
- We put the subject before the verb and the object after the verb.
- Every assertive and imperative sentence ends with a full stop (.).
- In imperative sentence the subject is implicit.
- Every interrogative sentence ends with a question mark (?).
- Every exclamatory word or sentence ends with an exclamatory mark (!).
- We put other punctuation marks 'inside' the quotation marks ('... ') or ("...").

### 2. The basic word order of a sentence that is not a question or command is usually:

| Subject | verb   | object | adverbials (how, when, where) |
|---------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|
| I       | bought | a book | yesterday.                    |
| We      | live   |        | at Nayagram.                  |

**Examples:**

Ram is playing. (This is a sentence)

Ram is playing on the road. (This is a sentence)

The cow is flying. (Here words do not convey any meaning. It is not a sentence.)

**Remember:**

The words in a sentence must be properly arranged and it must convey a clear meaning.

### 3. We can make a sentence by using a single word.

1. Go.
2. Run.
3. Yes.

Go, Run and Yes convey clear meaning. These are one word sentences.

## EXERCISE

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Given below are some groups of words. Say which of them are sentences and which are not. Put a '√' mark against a sentence.

1. Ram has a lamb. ....
2. Can't play the game. ....
3. The fruits do not like the cats. ....
4. She washes the dishes. ....
5. A good football player. ....
6. Don't disturb. ....
7. He does not like me. ....
8. The meal enjoyed the guest. ....
9. Hari is a good student. ....
10. He may come today. ....
11. He not go there. ....
12. Where do you live? ....
13. Made in India. ....
14. What happened? ....
15. The train has arrived. ....

## EXERCISE 2

Put the following group of words in order and make a sentence. Use capital letter to begin a sentence. (One is done for you)

1. afraid of/ my brother/ is/ ghosts ..... My brother is afraid of ghosts.
2. the Giant/ the children/ saw/ playing .....
3. the book/ keep/ table/ on the .....
4. of mine/ a good friend/ he is .....
5. biggest city/ Kolkata/ is the .....
6. the cow/ useful/ is a/ animal .....
7. father/ is/ his/ teacher/ a .....
8. precious/ gold/ is a/ metal .....
9. old man/ the/had/ four sons .....
10. is/ man/ free/ born .....
11. your food/ you should eat/ slowly.....
12. I do not/well/English/ speak.....
13. In the park/ at night/you should not walk.....
14. did not/my father/wash the dishes.....
15. into the bins/he threw/ the papers.....

**EXERCISE 3**

Read the story, and arrange the words in each sentence in the right order. Use capital letters and punctuation marks in the right places.

1. into a well/once a fox/fell.....
2. his best/he tried/to come out.....
3. went/in vain/ all his attempts.....
4. what to do/know/he did not.....
5. to drink water/a goat came /in the mean time.....
6. what he was doing inside/seeing the fox inside/he wanted to know.....
7. the mind of the fox/suddenly/a plan came to .....
8. to drink water/he was there/that/ the fox told the goat.....
9. to come/ and/he told the goat/drink water.....
10. and/ jumped into the well/believed it/the goat.....
11. the goat's back/immediately/climbed up/ the fox.....
12. of the well/ the fox/jumped out.....

**EXERCISE 4**

**Complete the following sentences:**

1. I know \_\_\_\_\_.
2. May I \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Where do you \_\_\_\_\_?
4. The Mahanadi is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Cows give \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Dogs are \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Our classroom \_\_\_\_\_.
8. We cannot live \_\_\_\_\_.
9. India is \_\_\_\_\_.
10. When will he \_\_\_\_\_?