

Fundamentals of Sentence Writing

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Complete Sentences

- ◎ 1. Start with a capital letter
- ◎ 2. Have end punctuation
- ◎ 3. Have a subject
- ◎ 4. Have a verb
- ◎ 4. Make sense

The Subject

- ◉ The person, place, thing, quality, or idea that the sentence is about.

Subject Examples

- ◎ Jenna went for a walk.
- ◎ The store was closed.
- ◎ Balloons rose into the sky.
- ◎ Silence filled the streets.
- ◎ Peace was declared at midnight.

Action Verb

- A word that shows the action of the subject of the sentence.

Action Verb Examples

◎ Body Actions

- > walk
- > run

◎ Mind Actions

- > think
- > want

The PENS Strategy

- ◎ **P**ick a formula
- ◎ **E**xplore words to fit the formula
- ◎ **N**ote the words
- ◎ **S**earch and check

Search & Check Step

◎ **M**

◎ **A**sk “Is there a verb?”

◎ **R**oot out the subject (Ask, “Who or what _____?”)

◎ **K**ey in on the

> beginning

> ending

> meaning

Linking Verbs

- ◉ Words that link the subject to another word that describes the subject.

Linking Verbs

- ◉ Am

- ◉ Are

- ◉ Is

- ◉ Was

- ◉ Were

- ◉ Seem

- ◉ Be

- ◉ Been

- ◉ Become

Verb

- A word that shows action or state-of-being of the subject.

Search & Check Step

- ◎ **M**ark out imposters
 - > infinitives
 - > prepositional phrases
- ◎ **A**sk “is there a verb?”
- ◎ **R**oot out the subject (Who or what____?”)
- ◎ **K**ey in on the
 - > beginning
 - > ending
 - > meaning

A Bee Flies _____ the Bottle

Prepositions

- > About
- > Above
- > Across
- > After
- > Against
- > Along
- > Amid
- > Among
- > Around
- > At
- > Before
- > Behind
- > Below
- > Beneath
- > Beside
- > Between
- > Beyond
- > By
- > Down
- > During
- > Except
- > For
- > From
- > In
- > Inside
- > Into
- > Like
- > Near
- > Of
- > Off
- > On
- > Over
- > Out
- > Outside of
- > Past
- > Since
- > Through
- > Throughout
- > To
- > Toward
- > Under
- > Underneath
- > Until
- > Up
- > Upon
- > With
- > Within
- > Without

Adjective

- ◎ A word that describes a noun.

Main Subject

- The one word that best tells what the sentence is about.

Helping Verbs

- Words that help the main verb show the action in a sentence.

Helping Verbs

am
are

can
could
do
does
did
has
have
had

is

may
might
must

shall
should

was
were

will
would

be

being

been

Adverbs

- ◉ Words that add information about the action of the subject of the sentence.

Adverbs

- ◎ They show
 - > When
 - > Where
 - > How
 - > To what extent (how often, how much the action takes place)