

What Makes a Sentence

1st Grade

Three things every sentence needs — check all three before you stop.

A sentence is not just some words. It needs all three of these.

A CAPITAL LETTER

1

The very first letter of the very first word.

IT MAKES SENSE

2

It tells us who did what. 'The dog ran' works. 'The dog' does not.

AN END MARK

3

A full stop, a question mark, or an exclamation mark.

CHECK THESE

the cat sat × no capital, no full stop

The cat sat. ✓ all three

The big red. × makes no sense

Every sentence, every time. It is the most-marked mistake in Year 1 writing.