

GRAMMAR REVIEW PACKET 1

RECOGNIZING COMPLETE SENTENCES

A sentence is a group of words expressing a complete thought.

Here are four sentences. Notice the capital letter at the beginning of each sentence and the mark of punctuation at the end.

- Harper Lee won a prize for her book.
- Please fasten your seat belt.
- Why did you stop running?
- Watch out for the car!

The following groups of words are not sentences because they do not express complete thoughts. Each one leaves out something you need to know in order to understand what the writer means to say.

- after they pitched the tent and built a campfire
(Then what happened?)
- because Anna won the 100-meter race
(What was the result?)
- sailing around the world
(What about it?)
- on her hike through the Grand Canyon
(What did she do on the hike?)

EXERCISES

Directions: In the following exercises, place an S in the blank to the left if the group of words is a complete sentence. Then add the correct punctuation mark at the end.

EXERCISE 1:

- S 1. She reached the top of the mountain on May 15, 2011.
- 2. Counting his money
- 3. Although the sea was rough
- 4. If he had not sneezed when he did
- 5. Moving stealthily through the jungle
- S 6. She was chosen the most talented girl in the contest.
- 7. Unless something is done

- _____ 8. Chattering among themselves
- _____ 9. Lying on its back
- _____ 10. While the skyscraper was being constructed

EXERCISE 2:

- S 1. The sailors felt relieved when land was sighted.
- S 2. Our dog lay down quietly, waiting for us to notice him.
- _____ 3. Because he forgot the date
- _____ 4. Unless the train is late
- _____ 5. Although she had never played backgammon
- S 6. Why is the child crying?
- _____ 7. Waiting impatiently for the storm to end
- _____ 8. If a person does not have a sense of humor
- S 9. While visiting the museum, we met some students from India.
- _____ 10. Since the house was built many years before

EXERCISE 3:

- _____ 1. Fought for the right of free speech
- _____ 2. When she wrote the story
- _____ 3. Fishing with her aunt
- _____ 4. Although everyone could vote
- _____ 5. Because of the loud buzzing
- S 6. After a short rest, the beaver began building again.
- S 7. Have you heard about the strange area called the Bermuda Triangle?
- S 8. Apparently, many ships disappear in this region.
- _____ 9. Searching for a reason
- _____ 10. And even blame UFO's

Directions: In the following exercises: (1) place an S in the blank to the left if a group of words is a complete sentence and (2) add the correct punctuation mark at the end. (3) Make each incomplete sentence a complete thought by rewriting it in the space provided.

EXERCISE 4:

- S 1. Prehistoric man knew little about medicine.
2. Turned to magic to cure illness
3. Medicine men wearing ugly masks
- S 4. By 3500 B.C. medicine was more popular.
- S 5. The Greeks made a science of medicine in 900 B.C.
- S 6. Medical schools were built.
7. Little progress made in the Dark Ages
- S 8. The cause of medicine was helped by Leonardo da Vinci.
- S 9. He produced paintings of the human body.
- S 10. These drawings showed the parts of the body.

EXERCISE 5:

1. Tom lying on the floor
- S 2. The old tree was struck by lightning.
3. The creaking sound of a rusty gate

_____ 4. Just as I fell asleep

S 5. Jud crawled into the tent.

S 6. He screamed.

_____ 7. At the other end of the rope

S 8. She turned as slowly as she could.

S 9. They were gathering rocks.

_____ 10. Over the lawn and onto the porch

EXERCISE 6: [Answers will vary.]

Directions: Write five complete sentences using the following words to begin the sentences.

1. Running

2. In the morning

3. The men and women

4. Everyone

5. Because