Let's Write Sentences!

Lesson 1

Here is what you will learn in this lesson:

What is a **subject**? What is a **verb**?

How do I **start** a sentence? How do I **end** a sentence?



Colin does not know how to write a sentence.

Don't worry, Colin!
The woods are full of friends who can help you.



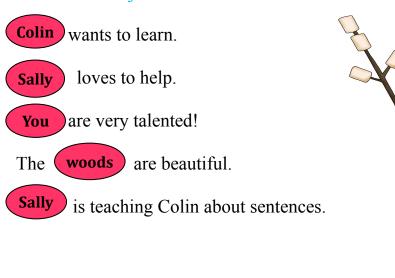
← Meet Sally. She knows all about sentences.

Sally will teach you about sentences, too!

What is a subject?

A sentence always* has a subject and a verb. (*We will be learning about Emotion Sentences in Lesson 3 which will not always *show* a subject in the sentence.)

A subject is always a noun, which is a person, place, or thing. The subject of a sentence is who or what the sentence is about. Watch as Sally shows Colin which word is the subject in each of these sentences.



Part 2: Verbs

What is a verb?

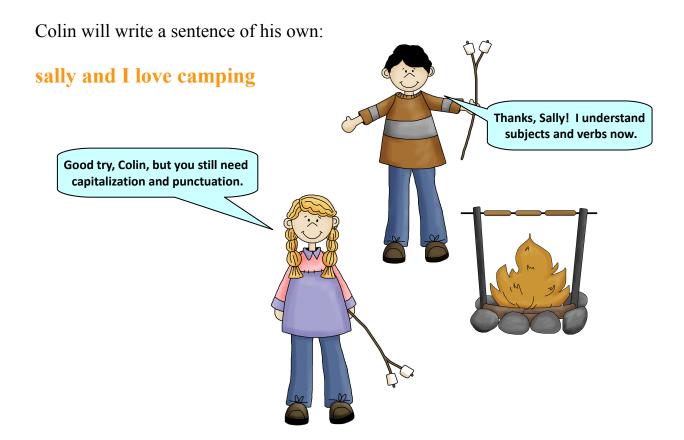
A **verb** is what the subject is doing. A **verb** is the action in the sentence. Watch as Sally shows Colin which word is the **verb** in each of these sentences.

Colin wants to learn.

Sally loves to help.

The woods are beautiful.

Sally teaches Colin about sentences.



Part 3: Starting a Sentence

How do I start a sentence?

The first word of a sentence is always **capitalized**. A sentence is not correct without its first word capitalized. Watch as Sally shows Colin sentences that begin with capital letters.

Berries are delicious.

Can you climb a tree?

Show me how to catch a butterfly.

That was a cool trick!

Part 4: Ending a Sentence

How do I end a sentence?

Every sentence must begin with a capital letter, and every sentence must end with a sentence stopper. You have three sentence stoppers to choose from.

- A period is used at the end of a telling sentence.
- ? A question mark is used at the end of an asking sentence.
 - ! An exclamation point is used at the end of an emotion or shouting sentence.

Watch as Sally shows Colin sentences that end with sentence stoppers.

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Colin will write a sentence of his own:

Sentences are a lot of fun!



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Lesson 1 Assignments:

When you type your assignments in Word, please make sure to use MLA format. Also, when you e-mail me your assignments, please make sure that the subject line includes your name, the class name (LWS), and the assignment number or numbers.

Example: Subject: BrianS LWS-1A

or (if sending more than one)

Subject: BrianS LWS-1B and 1C

1A- Noun and Verb Sort

Cut out the words below and sort them into 2 piles. You will have one pile for **nouns** and one pile for **verbs**. When you have sorted them, type the two lists in a Word document and email it to me

tree	jump	Colin	You
hike	is	Sally	sing
skunk	teacher	gave	swim
Dive	I	jog	tent

1B What's wrong with these sentences?

Look at the following sentences. Then, in a Word document, tell me what's wrong in each sentence. Finally, write the sentence correctly.

Here's an example to get you started:

1B Example: Colin cold.

You'll type: 1B: Sentence 1: Colin cold.

- 1. It doesn't have a verb.
- 2. Corrected Sentence: Colin is cold.

1B Assignment Sentences:

Sentence 1: how do I find food in the woods

Sentence 2: I can't wait to go camping

Sentence 3: Drinking from a stream.

Sentence 4: She the tree

Sentence 5: watch out for that hot fire

1C Write your own sentence!

In a new Word document, write <u>3 sentences</u> of your own. Don't forget a <u>subject</u>, a <u>verb</u>, a <u>capital letter</u> at the beginning, and a <u>sentence stopper</u> at the end.

After your sentences, write the following and fill in the blanks:

My sentence stopper is a (or an)		
	is my first word, and it is capitalized.	
My verb is _	·	
My subject i	· .	