

# Year 3 What is a sentence? – Guidance for Parents

## Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise identifying sentences. There are three questions to complete. The first two questions allow children to practise the skill, while the third question extends them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

## Vocabulary:

**Adjectives** describe nouns. They can describe aspects like colour, shape, size and age, amongst other qualities.

**Nouns** are naming words. It is a person, animal, thing or place.

A **verb** is an action word such as **jump**, **skip**, **shout**.

An **adverb** is type of word that gives more information about a verb. It can tell you how, when, where or how often. Some examples include **slowly**, **yesterday**, **regularly**.

A **complete sentence** begins with a capital letter, has a main clause (see definition) and finishes with a full stop, question or exclamation mark. A complete sentence expresses an idea or thought, always contains a verb and must include the correct punctuation. A complete sentence should always make sense on its own.

A **main clause** is a group of words that make sense on their own. It has a subject (the person or thing that does an action) and verb (the action). For example, Adam eats bananas.

## Supporting resources:

You can watch the answer explanation video which takes children through this activity and ways to answer it on [https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/](https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/playlists) **playlists** >> **Year 3 Playlist** >> **What is a sentence? Answer Explanation**.

## Other resources:

If your child enjoyed this activity and wants to try more activities linked to this learning, you can sign up for £4.83 per month on [classroomsecrets.co.uk/membership](https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/membership).

**Check out our daily timetable for Year 3 home learning activities on [kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk](https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk) >> Home Learning Timetable.**

# What is a Sentence?

1. **Noun – door; verb – opened; adjective – old; adverb – quietly**

2.

Sentence	Full Stop	Question Mark	Exclamation Mark
Example: When will the postman arrive		?	
Put your hand up if you need a pencil	.		
What time does the film start		?	
What a sunny day it is			!
Harry is going to the seaside today	.		

3. **No she is incorrect because there are no verbs, and a sentence cannot be made without a verb.**