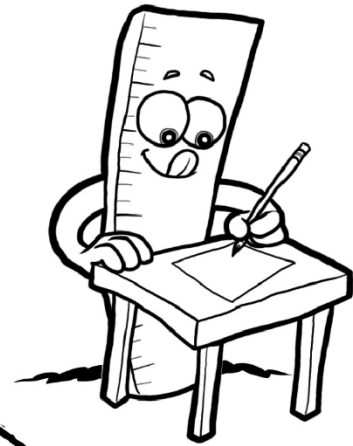


## 9. SENTENCE STRUCTURE

This section will deal  
with the Language part

Remember length of a sentence plays an  
important role



**Long  
sentences:**

**Slow the pace down**

The rain and its droplets  
were humming the  
song of destiny to  
every passerby.

**Reported  
and Direct  
Speech:**

**Give voice to the  
character**

"I had to keep it a  
secret", she  
sobbed.

**Short  
sentences:**

**Show quick pace**

He wiped the sweat from  
his forehead. His skin  
turned red. He  
waited. He waited  
for the drop of rain

**Adding  
adjectives and  
Adverbs:**

**Give visual movements**

The brown burnt page  
was folded carefully

**Question  
Sentences:**

**Arise curiosity**

Who could send me this  
letter? Why there is no  
name?

**Non  
sentences:  
Shows emotion**

Silence!  
Seething silence!  
Death everywhere!

**Passive Voice:**

**Puts stress on object**

Cloths were scattered  
all around. The  
cupboards were  
opened.

## Trying Different Sentence Structures

### Basic Sentence

Sentence is a complete idea with subject and a verb.

### Underline subjects and encircle Verbs in the given sentence

- My sister and I enjoy pizza with sausages.
- The old house on the corner of the street has a big garden.
- Amy, Carol and Rachel are going to France this summers.
- Microwave and Blender cannot fit on my kitchen counter.
- My dog barks on any visitor that comes to my house.



### Stretching sentences by using conjunctions

My sister and I enjoy pizza with sausages, while \_\_\_\_\_

The old house on the corner of the street has a big garden, yet \_\_\_\_\_

Amy, Carol and Rachel are going to France this summers, and \_\_\_\_\_

Microwave and Blender cannot fit on my kitchen counter, so \_\_\_\_\_

My dog barks on any visitor that comes to my house, although \_\_\_\_\_

### Change the placing of the words to create variety in sentence structures. Let's Try of the above sentences

Pizza with sausages \_\_\_\_\_

having a big garden \_\_\_\_\_

Going to France \_\_\_\_\_

My kitchen counter \_\_\_\_\_

On anyone coming \_\_\_\_\_

## Let's stretch sentences with punctuations

**Add additional details within a sentence by using parentheses (Pair of Brackets, dashes or commas)**

- Mr Akbar, my father's close friend, has decided to start a new business.
- They roasted a chicken-almost a size of a kitten-to serve in dinner.

**Stretching sentences with colon. Colon starts a list, statement or further explanation**

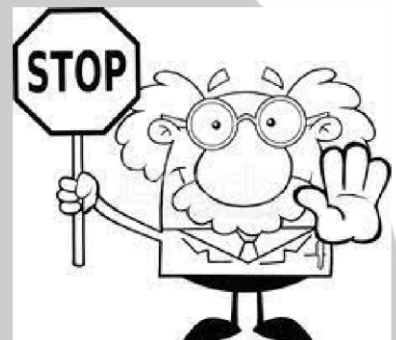
- You may be required to bring many things: sleeping bags, pans, utensils, and warm clothing.
- He got what he worked for: a promotion.

**Semicolon joins two complete sentences**

- We had too many fumbles; we lost the game.
- I went to the airport; it was too huge

*Never join two sentences only with comma*

- Jim is cold, he wants to go inside.
- Martin and Ellen moved in next door, they seem really nice.
- The train was late, I missed the meeting



- Jim is cold, so he wants to go inside.
- Martin and Elan moved in next door; they are really nice.
- The train was late. I missed my meeting.

Correct them by putting full-stop, Semicolon or conjunction

### RESEARCH SUGGESTION

Search Comma Splice on internet

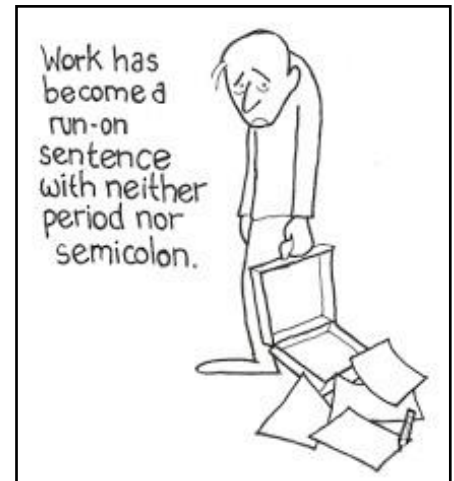
**Let's practice the worksheet!**

## Let's punctuate and avoid having sentence over sentence over sentence

This can result in run-on sentences. Add connectors or add fullstops, comma or semicolon

### WRITING TIP:

Never join more than three sentences to stretch your sentence. Put a full-stop instead



The movie theatre was dark and it was too expensive but we really wanted to see the movie so we bought tickets.

We went to the park and we ate dinner and we got ice cream and when it got dark we chased fireflies.

I went to high school with Brian but we didn't have any classes together, so we didn't recognize each other in college, but we figured it out eventually.

Our flight was delayed, so we can go get coffee in the airport, or we can relax outside, or we can go shopping, or we can get another flight.

**Check Transitional Devices from the Word Bank**