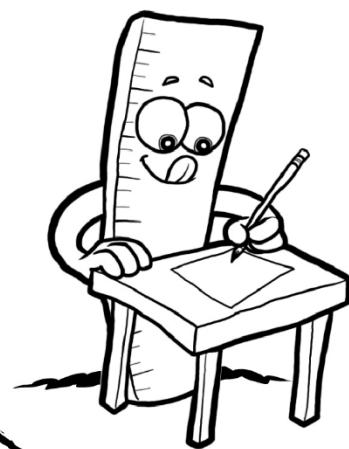


# 9. SENTENCE STRUCTURE

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

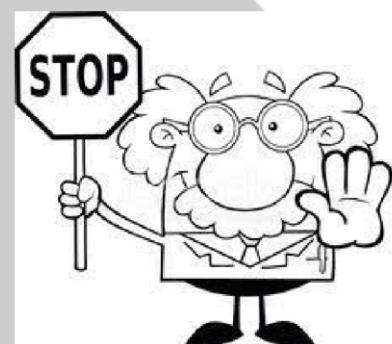
- You may be required to bring many things: sleeping bags, pans, utensils, and warm clothing.
- He got what he worked for: a promotion.

### 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

Work has become a run-on sentence with neither period nor semicolon.



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

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

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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.

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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.

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