

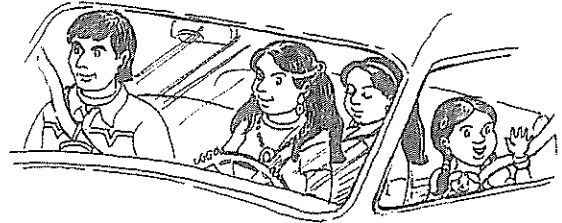
Predicates in Sentences

REMEMBER THE RULES

- The predicate in a sentence tells what the subject does or is.

We visit Grandma.

The car ride is long.



A. Draw a line under the predicate in each sentence.

1. We pack our bags.
2. We climb into the van.
3. Gina and I sit in the back.
4. Mom drives first.
5. Our van passes big trucks.

B. Write each sentence. Draw a line under the predicate.

6. A truck driver waves to us.

7. Some drivers beep their horns.

8. I look out the window.

9. Gina takes a nap.

10. The long ride is almost over.

Mechanics and Usage: Commas in a Series

REMEMBER THE RULES

- Use commas to separate three or more words in a series.

Rosa, Pat, and I go to the hardware store.

↙ ↘
comma



A. Add commas to each sentence.

1. The store sells tools paint and other goods.
2. Rakes hoes and shovels are all in one place.
3. Hammers saws and pliers are in another spot.
4. Scissors pots and plant food are for sale.
5. This store even sells pens markers and chalk.

B. Write each sentence. Add commas where they are needed.

6. Rope string and cord are on sale.

7. Paint stain and brushes are cheap.

8. We look at the locks keys and chains

9. I buy tape nails and wire.

10. Mom Dad and Ray need these things.

Common Errors with Incomplete Sentences

REMEMBER THE RULES

A sentence must tell a complete thought.

- Each sentence must have a subject and a predicate.

This is not a sentence: *The boat.*

This is a sentence: *The boat floats in the water.*

A. Circle the groups of words that are complete sentences.

1. Never rowed.

Juan had never rowed a boat.

2. Held both oars.

I held both oars.

3. The long oars dipped in the water.

The long oars.

4. Moved slowly.

The boat moved slowly.

5. Juan wanted to row.

Wanted to row.



B. Draw a line from the subject to the predicate if they make a sentence.

6. Quickly Juan

picks up two oars.

7. The boat

turns to the left.

8. My dad and mom

the dock.

9. Soon

is laughing.

10. I

row back to the dock with Juan.

Vocabulary: Time-Order Words

- Time-order words show the order in which things happen.
- Here are some time-order words and phrases.

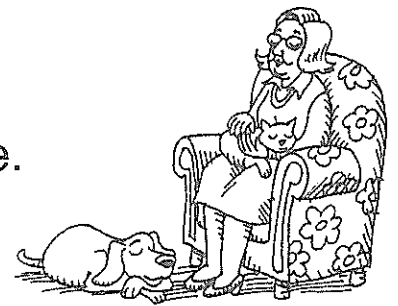
<i>first</i>	<i>finally</i>	<i>yesterday</i>
<i>next</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>today</i>
<i>then</i>	<i>later</i>	<i>tomorrow</i>
<i>last of all</i>	<i>soon</i>	<i>long ago</i>

A. Write the time-order word or phrase in each sentence.

1. Long ago, dogs lived in the wild. _____
2. Soon, they found people. _____
3. Later, they stayed with them. _____
4. Finally, dogs became pets. _____
5. Now, they are our best friends. _____

B. Copy these sentences in the correct order on the lines below.

Then, we went to a pet store.
 Last of all, we took the cat home.
 Next, we asked about each cat there.
 First, we read about cats.
 Soon, we chose a cat.



6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____