

What is a Sentence? CBRT Script

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- 1 What's a SENTENCE? [gesture]
2 A sentence is a complete thought...
3 That begins with a capital letter...
4 Has a subject...
5 And a verb
All And ends with a punctuation mark. [gesture][sound effect]
6 That's a lot to understand at once!
7 Let's break it down!
8 Begin with the VERB!
All The verb is the most exciting part of the sentence! [gesture]
9 It's where all the action is.
1 Oh, like JUMP! [gesture]
2 YELL! [sound effect][gesture]
3 THINK! [gesture]
4 I see...the VERB is what you DO!
[sound effect][gesture]
All The VERB is what you DO! [gesture]
5 Let's make "JUMP" the verb of our sentence.
6 So, who's doing all this action?
7 Who jumps?
8 Or what?
9 The person or thing doing the action is the SUBJECT!
All The person or thing doing the action is the SUBJECT of the sentence!
1 Like Sally!
2 Like who?
All Sally is the subject! Little Sally jumps. [gesture]
2 Ooh bonus point. "Little"— that's an adjective.
3 And now I think we have a complete sentence!
All Little Sally jumped! [gesture] Little Sally jumped! [gesture] Little Sally—
4 Wait!! How do we end this sentence?
5 With a punctuation mark, of course.
6 What's a punctuation mark?
7 A punctuation mark that shows the end of a sentence is a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point!
All A period [gesture] [sound effect], a question mark [gesture] [sound effect], or an exclamation point! [gesture] [sound effect]
1 So which one should we use?
8 Should we say the sentence like this "Little Sally jumped?"
9 That would make our sentence a question and we would end it with...
All A question mark! [gesture] [sound effect]
8 Should we say the sentence like this "Little Sally jumped." ?
9 That would make our sentence a statement and we would end it with...
All A period. [gesture] [sound effect]
8 Should we say the sentence like this "Little Sally jumped!" ?
9 That would make our sentence an exclamation and we would end it with...
All An exclamation point! [gesture] [sound effect]
1 Let's go with the exclamation point!
All Yes! [gesture]
2 So is "Little Sally jumps!" a sentence?
All Is it a complete thought?
3 Yes.
All Does it begin with a capital letter?
4 Yes.
All Does it have a subject?
5 Yes.
All Does it have a verb?
6 Yes.
All And does it end with a punctuation mark? [gesture][sound effect]
7 Yes!
8 Well, I would say we have ourselves...
All A sentence! [gesture] [sound effect]