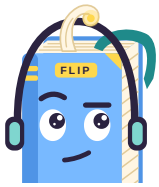
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Sense or muddle?

A sentence must make sense when you read it.

1 Learn



If the words are muddled up, or a word is missing, it is not a sentence yet. Read it and listen!



✓ **Makes sense**



✗ **Muddled**

Is this a sentence?



1. Read it out loud: "The bus is…"
2. Something is missing! What is the bus?
3. Add a word: The bus is **red**.
4. Now it makes sense. It is a sentence.

Flip's tip: read it out loud. Your ears can tell you when words are muddled or when a word is missing.

Warm up: tick the box if it makes sense. Put a cross if it doesn't.

The ball is round. ☐ round ball is the ☐

Grown-ups: read each one aloud exactly as it is written, even the muddled ones. Children usually hear the problem before they can see it.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Toy talk

You need: 2 or 3 toys (soft toys, cars or little figures).

1. Your child picks a toy and makes it do something: jump, sleep, dance.
2. They say a sentence about it: "The bear can jump."
3. Grown-up: say some sentences about the toys. Make some muddled ("jump bear the can"). Your child shows thumbs up for sense, thumbs down for a muddle.
4. Your child fixes each muddle by saying it the right way.

Write one sentence about a toy:

Grown-ups: try leaving a word out too ("The bear can"). Ask, "Is that finished? What could the bear do?"

3 Practise

A. Tick if it makes sense. Put a cross if it is muddled.

1. The cup is full. ☐
2. is hot tea the ☐
3. We can sing. ☐
4. a see I bus can ☐
5. My hat is blue. ☐

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B. Draw a ring round the ending that makes sense.

The dog …

wags its tail. | tail its wags. | the.

I sleep in …

bed my. | my bed. | is.

We had …

lunch had. | a. | fish for tea.

C. Fix the muddle. Write the sentence.

1 milk | likes | cat | The | ●

_____

2 is | sky | blue | The | ●

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Challenge

Ava wrote: **The bin.** Is it a sentence? Add some words so it makes sense.

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I can… Tick when you can.

- ☐ tell if a sentence makes sense
- ☐ spot muddled words
- ☐ fix a muddled sentence