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Full stops

A full stop shows where a sentence ends.

1 Learn



A **full stop** is a small dot at the end of a sentence. It tells the reader: stop, this idea is finished.



Buzzy the bee buzzes along the words and stops at the full stop.
The idea is finished, so Buzzy can rest.

Where does the full stop go?

We ate a pear

We ate a pear.

1. Read it: "We ate a pear."
2. Is the idea finished? Yes!
3. Put the full stop right after the last word.
4. Make it small and round, sitting on the line.

Flip's tip: a full stop is a small dot, not a big blob. It sits on the line, close to the last word.

Warm up: put a full stop at the end.

I am happy The moon is out

Grown-ups: read the sentence and let your voice drop at the end. Point to where the full stop goes as you stop.

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



Stop and go walk

You need: a little space to walk, and this sheet.

1. Grown-up: read a sentence from the table slowly. Your child takes one step for each word.
2. At the full stop, **freeze!** The idea is finished.
3. Count the steps. That is how many words. Write it in the table.
4. Swap: your child says a sentence and the grown-up walks it.

Sentence	Steps
The cat ran up the tree.	
We can hop.	
I like red apples.	
My bag is on the chair.	

Grown-ups: say "full stop!" as you both freeze. It helps your child link the dot with the end of the idea.

3 Practise

A. Put a full stop at the end of each sentence.

1 The dog is asleep

2 I have a red bike

3 We went to the shop

4 Leo can swim

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B. Tick the sentences that have a full stop. Put a cross if the full stop is missing.

1. The hen sat on her eggs. ☐
2. My hat is blue ☐
3. We like to read. ☐
4. The bus is late ☐

C. Copy this sentence. Remember the full stop!

The bee is on the flower.

D. Write your own sentence about a bee.

Challenge

Tom wrote: **The cat. is black.** Is the full stop in the right place? Write it the right way.

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I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ say what a full stop does
- ☐ put a full stop at the end of a sentence
- ☐ make my full stop small, on the line