Sentence check: answers and notes

What your child practised: checking a sentence for a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end, fixing what is missing, and leaving correct sentences alone (Year 1 English: punctuating sentences).

Page 1 · Warm up

my cat is grey. Capital? ✗ Full stop? ✓
Fixed: **My cat is grey.**

Page 2 · Try it together

Depends on your cards: 2 all correct, 4 need fixing.

Page 2 · A. Detective check

1. ✓ ✓ 2. ✗ ✓ 3. ✓ ✗
4. ✗ ✗ 5. ✓ ✓

Page 3 · B. Fix them

2. **We can see a boat.**
3. **The duck swims.**
4. **My mum likes tea.**

Page 3 · C. Ava's story

My cat is called Pip. She likes fish. She sleeps on my bed.
The 4 fixes: **M**y, **P**ip, a full stop after fish, **S**he.

Challenge: No, it doesn't need fixing. It starts with a capital letter, ends with a full stop and makes sense. All correct!

Watch out for

- **Missing the capital letter** at the start, or on a name like Pip. Check the start first, every time.
- **Missing the full stop**, especially in the middle of a story where one sentence runs into the next (fish she).
- **Changing a sentence that is already right.** Praise "All correct!" as much as a good fix.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Check my writing:** write a shopping list sentence. Your child checks the start and the end.
- **Spot it in a book:** point to a sentence. Your child shows you the capital letter and the full stop.
- **In the game:** Chapter 11, Build the and bridge, joins two sentences into one with and.