

Introducing Sentences (2)

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Introducing Sentences

Parts of the Sentence

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 - A. Action Verbs
 - B. Linking Verbs

Introducing Sentences **Recognizing Sentences**

A sentence is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb and expresses a complete thought. These are sentences:

1. He is a student.
2. Speed kills.
3. He looks tired.
4. Who is there?

Introducing Sentences **Recognizing Non-Sentences**

These are not sentences:

1. Hot weather. (There is no verb.)
2. The man bought. (This is not a complete thought.)
3. Because it rained. (This is not a complete thought.)
4. Is very handsome. (There is no subject.)
5. Every morning before breakfast. (There is no subject or verb.)

Introducing Sentences **Turning Non-Sentences into Sentences**

Let's make them sentences:

1. The weather is hot.
2. The man bought some apples.
3. We couldn't go out because it rained.
4. The movie star is very handsome.
5. I do some exercise every morning before breakfast.

Introducing Sentences **Subjects & Verbs**

Every sentence must have at least one subject and one verb in order to be a sentence. In English the subject of a sentence is always expressed except in a command :

Example:

Hurry! (we know that the subject is "you".)

The subject tells who or what did something. It is a noun or a pronoun.

- *My friend lost the keys to his car.*
(Who lost the keys? – my friend)
- *The car hit the man.*
(What hit the man? – the car)
- *Swimming and reading are my favorite sports.*
(What are my favorite sports? – swimming and reading)

Introducing Sentences Verbs

Remember that *most verbs show action.*

Example: cry, swim, and speak.

Some verbs, like *is* do not show action; they give information about the subject. These are called *linking verbs.*

Linking verbs include *am, are, was, were, feel, appear,* and *become.*

Introducing Sentences Action Verbs

The verb often tells the action. However sometimes a verb doesn't tell an action. Sometimes it just links the subject with the rest of the sentence.

Action verbs:

The car hit the man.

My family lives in a two- bedroom apartment.

My friend lost his car keys.

Introducing Sentences Linking Verbs

Linking verbs:

Swimming is my favorite hobby.

I feel sick.

You look angry.

I am lucky that you are my friend .