

### EXERCISE 1. STUDYING SENTENCES

A **sentence** is a group of words expressing a complete thought. Study these two groups of words to see if they express complete thoughts:

My guardian angel

My guardian angel watches over me.

Only the second group of words expresses a complete thought about my guardian angel. We put a period at the end of this complete thought to show that it is a sentence.

Some of the following groups of words are sentences and some are not. If the words make a sentence, write S on the line at the left and put a period at the end of the sentence. If the words do not form a complete thought, write N on the line at the left:

..... N      My pet duck

..... S      My pet duck splashes in the pond.

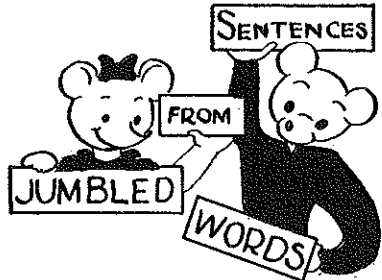
- ..... 1. On a trip to the city
- ..... 2. On a trip to the city we visited the zoo
- ..... 3. A picture of my mother
- ..... 4. That is a picture of my mother
- ..... 5. In our back yard
- ..... 6. We play ball in our back yard
- ..... 7. The ice on the lake
- ..... 8. The ice on the lake has melted
- ..... 9. The birds and the flowers
- ..... 10. God made the birds and the flowers
- ..... 11. Sister read us a fairy tale
- ..... 12. The happy boys and girls
- ..... 13. A police dog is very strong
- ..... 14. With the windows open
- ..... 15. Saint Patrick converted Ireland



**EXERCISE 2. SENTENCE PUZZLES**

Here are some sentence puzzles. Each group of words in the first column can be joined to some group of words in the second column to form a sentence. Place each number from the first column before the correct group in the second column:

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| 100. The buzz of a bee      | (100) led me to the hive.   |
| 1. With a merry whistle     | ( ) warned us of a fire.    |
| 2. Rich spicy odors         | ( ) David scampered off.    |
| 3. The children in the park | ( ) has bright red wheels.  |
| 4. The sound of the siren   | ( ) watched the squirrels.  |
| 5. My new wagon             | ( ) drew me to the kitchen. |



The words in the following sentences are not in the correct order. Rewrite each jumbled sentence on the blank line:

to Airplanes of world parts travel all the  
 Airplanes travel to all parts of the world.

- 6. plays John baseball  
 .....
- 7. world God made the nothing of out  
 .....
- 8. many colors A has rainbow  
 .....
- 9. warm keeps fur her coat Mother's  
 .....
- 10. spears animals Eskimos with hunt  
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### EXERCISE 3. STUDYING THE PARAGRAPH

A **paragraph** is a group of closely related sentences telling about **one thing**. All the sentences work together to develop the one thing, which we call the **topic** of the paragraph. We write the sentences of a paragraph one after the other and not on separate lines. The first word of a paragraph is indented.

Every paragraph has three parts: (1) the **beginning sentence**, which gives a hint of the topic of the paragraph; (2) the **middle sentences**, which develop the thought of the beginning sentence; and (3) the **ending sentence**, which brings the paragraph to a close.

In the following paragraph underline the beginning and the ending sentences, and answer the question after the paragraph:

#### RIVER OF LIFE

The Nile River means everything to the country of Egypt. This remarkable river supplies the people with water for their fields. From the soil along its banks they make mud houses, pottery, and bricks. Egypt is truly called the Gift of the Nile.

How many middle sentences are in this paragraph? .....

Write the following sentences in the form of a paragraph:

#### WARM UP!

Clutching Dad's hand, I stood in the bleachers.  
Cheers all around me added to my excitement.  
Suddenly I heard the umpire cry, "Play ball!"  
My first big league baseball game was about to begin.

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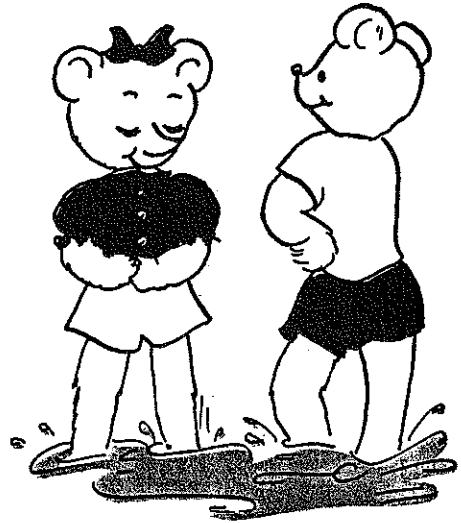
### EXERCISE 46. ADJECTIVES

A word used to describe a noun or name word is called an **adjective**. Adjectives usually tell **what kind**.

Each of the following sentences contains a noun and an adjective that describes the noun. To find the adjective, ask yourself the question "What kind?" Draw one line under each name word and two lines under each adjective:

We waded in the shallow water.

1. The jolly clown amused us.
2. A tall gentleman stepped forward.
3. He fell on the slippery sidewalk.
4. The excited boy dressed hurriedly.
5. Naughty children should be punished.
6. The heavy package is for you.
7. A warm robe was tucked around her.
8. A fast train took us far away.
9. The brave explorers started out.
10. She wore silver slippers.



Write a suitable adjective before each of the following nouns:

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| 11. .... fireman | 16. .... breakfast |
| 12. .... pupil   | 17. .... candles   |
| 13. .... priest  | 18. .... desk      |
| 14. .... girl    | 19. .... ribbon    |
| 15. .... crowd   | 20. .... path      |

Name..... Perfect Score 20 My Score.....

### EXERCISE 47. CORRECT USE OF "CHOOSE, CHOSE, CHOSEN"

We use the word *choose* to tell about something that is happening now. We use *chose* to tell about something that has already happened. Both *choose* and *chose* may stand alone in sentences. *Chosen* can never be used without a helper.

Use either *choose*, *chose*, or *chosen* in each of the blank spaces:

I choose you, Mary, as my model.

The children chose Mary as their model.

Mary was chosen as our model.

1. Our Lord said, "Mary has ..... the better part."
2. Next Saturday is the day they ..... for the hike.
3. What title have you ..... for your paragraph?
4. Six of my friends were ..... for the team.
5. Mary of Nazareth was ..... to be the Mother of God.
6. Anne ..... *Little Women* as her favorite book.
7. I ..... the one that told the funniest story.
8. Dorothy was ..... for the leading part in the play.
9. When I buy ice cream I always ..... chocolate.
10. They have ..... the winner of the contest.
11. Saint Patrick was ..... by God to convert Ireland.
12. Father Kane ..... ten new altar boys yesterday.
13. You are ..... to go with me.
14. Last week we ..... a new captain.
15. He has ..... Charles several times.
16. Was your brother .....
17. .... your favorite color.
18. Which desk have you .....
19. Marie ..... Ruth as her partner.
20. The boys ..... the front seats.