

UNIT 4

Sentences and Phrases

A **sentence** is a group of words that **makes sense** on its own. Every **sentence** must contain a **verb**.

A **phrase** is a group of words that **does not make sense** on its own. Most **phrases** are **short**. Most **phrases** do not contain **verbs**.

The girls ran along the beach.

This is a **sentence**.
It **makes sense** on its own.
It contains a **verb**.

along the beach

This is a **phrase**.
It **does not make sense** on its own.
It **does not contain a verb**.

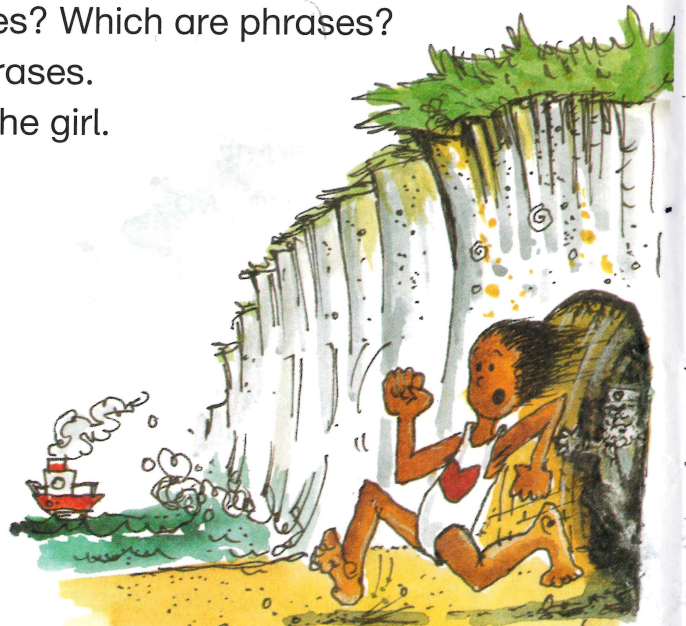


Practice

1. Which of the following are sentences? Which are phrases?

List the sentences. Then list the phrases.

- A ghostly sea captain spoke to the girl.
- the silver fish
- The ship sank into the sea.
- The dog chewed the bone.
- this morning
- yes
- King Henry was fond of sport.
- The sun came out.
- Stand up.
- The girl ran out of the cave.



2. Now underline the verb in each sentence.

Making sure

1. Choose a suitable phrase from the box to complete each sentence.

in its cage	because of the fog	through the town
over the wall	at night	after the rain

- The zoo keeper put the vulture back _____.
- The soil was very wet _____.
- Three girls climbed _____.
- Owls come out to hunt _____.
- The fire spread _____.
- The football match had to be cancelled _____.



2. Make up six sentences. Include one of these phrases in each one.

under the sea	down the hill	at midnight
outside the house	in the woods	because of the cold

Practise your punctuation

Rewrite these pairs of sentences.

Exchange the verbs in each pair so that the sentences make sense.

- The lady laid an egg. The hen fried an egg.
- The man boiled his scarf. The cook lost the potatoes.
- Fishes trot. Horses swim.
- The goat sang the grass. The girl ate the song.
- The builder shaved the house. The man built his chin.
- The teacher roasted her husband. The doctor kissed her chicken.

