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## The Sentence

During communication, we need words to express our feelings and thoughts. However, mere use of words cannot make a sentence unless they make a clear sense.

Read the following groups of words:

1. The playing the park are in children
2. The big elephant has tusks two
3. The night moon in the shines sky

Although the above groups of words have started with capital letters and contain a number of words but we cannot call them sentences and hence close them with a punctuation mark. But why are the above groups of words not be called **sentences**? The reason is clear. They do not convey any sense.

Let us read the sentences again after rearranging the words:

1. The children are playing in the park.
2. The elephant has two big tusks.
3. The moon shines in the night sky.



Now, the above groups of words make complete sense. It shows that the words in a group must be put in a systematic order to get any sense out of it.

**Definition :** A sentence is a group of words arranged in a systematic order so that it makes complete sense.

The other necessary conditions that should be fulfilled are: It should begin with a capital letter and end with a suitable punctuation mark.

### Note

As is clear from the above definition, a sentence should have at least two words i.e. a subject and a verb. However, 'Go' is the only one word which can be called a sentence. It is in imperative form and the subject 'you' is implied or hidden.

# Let's Practise



A. Read each of the following group of words. Put a Tick (✓) mark if it is a sentence and a cross (X) mark if it is not:

1. by tomorrow
2. She likes sweets.
3. We play cricket on Sundays.
4. some students are
5. A beggar is begging on the street.
6. in the basket
7. the a holy is Ganga river
8. They live in a small village.
9. chocolates she to likes eat
10. The flower vase is on the table.

B. Rewrite the following groups of words as meaningful sentences. Use capital letters at the beginning and a full stop at the end:

1. boy Amit a is brave  
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2. walk go we morning a for everyday  
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3. grandmother me interesting tells my stories  
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4. is man Rahim honest an  
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5. beautiful flower the is rose a  
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6. gold is not that all glitters  
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7. winter in shorter are the days  
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8. drank she milk of glass a

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9. book table your is the on

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10. the book hundred of consists one pages

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11. play we Sundays on cricket

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12. killed hunter the tiger the

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13. my circus see to went the friends

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14. red is colour the of the car

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15. the we attend will tomorrow party

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16. the tree is monkey on sitting a

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**C. Join the groups of words in Column 'A' with those of Column 'B' to make meaningful sentences:**

**Column 'A'**

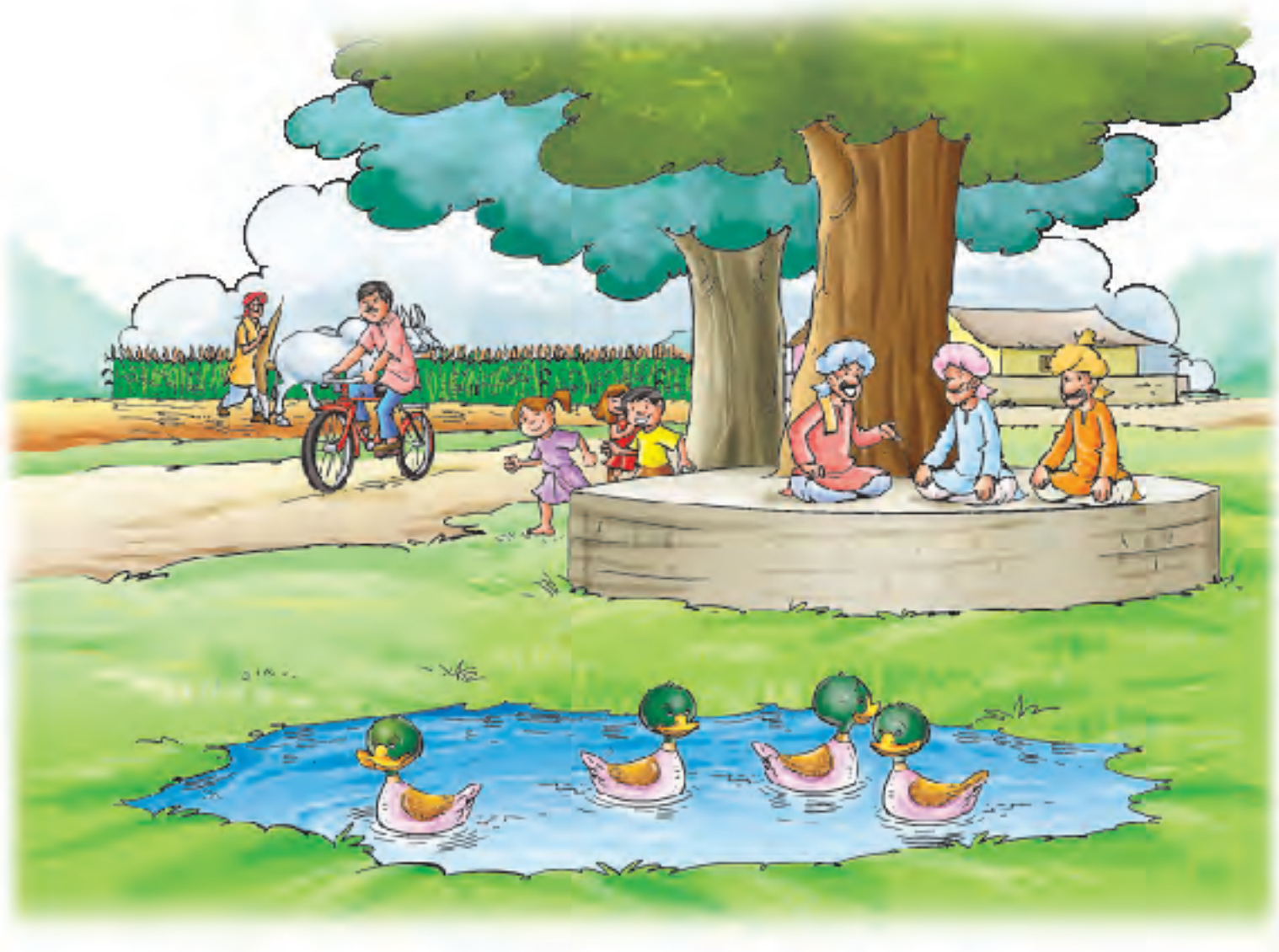
1. My pen friend
2. A poor woodcutter
3. The doctor
4. Our new teacher
5. The weary traveller
6. Some naughty children
7. The gardener
8. The merchant
9. The blue kite
10. Please help

**Column 'B'**

- (a) examined the patient
- (b) sat under a tree
- (c) are throwing stones at the dog
- (d) the blind man
- (e) lives in Japan
- (f) sold silk clothes
- (g) is mine
- (h) has a spade
- (i) was cutting wood in the forest
- (j) tells us interesting stories



D. Look at the following picture and describe it in about 8-10 sentences:



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