

Sentence Detective

Students spot capital sentence beginnings and ending punctuation.

1RF1.a "Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation)."

NAME _____

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 SENTENCE STARTS

a	cat	Dog	fish
b	Sun	moon	star
c	red	blue	Purple

2 SENTENCE ENDS

a	,	!	.
b	?	.	,
c	.	!	?

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read every row aloud and give students time to circle one choice. Students show that a sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with an ending mark.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • SENTENCE STARTS

SAY “A sentence starts with a capital letter. I will read the words in each row. Which word begins with a capital letter? Circle the word you choose.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: cat, Dog, fish. Which word begins with a capital letter? Circle the word you choose.	Dog
b	Listen: Sun, moon, star. Which word begins with a capital letter? Circle the word you choose.	Sun
c	Listen: red, blue, Purple. Which word begins with a capital letter? Circle the word you choose.	Purple

PART 2 • SENTENCE ENDS

SAY “A sentence ends with a mark. Listen to each sentence I say, then look at the marks in that row. Which ending mark belongs at the end? Circle the mark you choose.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen to this telling sentence: I see a nest. Which ending mark belongs at the end? Circle the mark you choose.	.
b	Listen to this question: Where is my hat? Which ending mark belongs at the end? Circle the mark you choose.	?
c	Listen to this excited sentence: That is a big splash! Which ending mark belongs at the end? Circle the mark you choose.	!

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1, top to bottom: Dog, Sun, Purple. Part 2, top to bottom: period, question mark, exclamation mark. Accept one clear circle per row.