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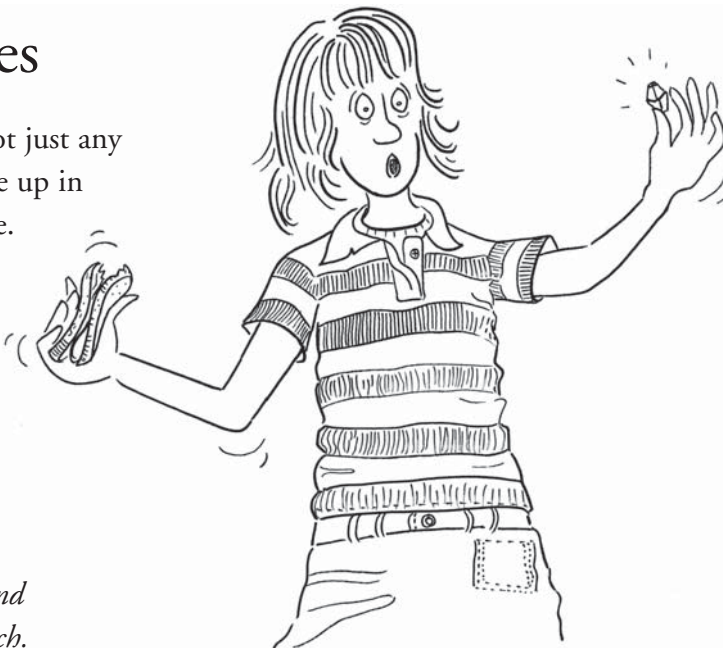
## Mixed-Up Sentences

A sentence is a group of words, but not just any words in any order. Words have to line up in a certain order so that they make sense.

**Check this out:** *Sandwich diamond  
a found in bologna  
her Seneca.*

Does this group of words make sense?  
No. These words are out of order.  
This is not a sentence.

**Check this out:** *Seneca found a diamond  
in her bologna sandwich.*



Now THAT is a sentence! It's a weird one, but it's a sentence.

### GO!

Write an S for sentence in the blank next to each group of words that makes sense. Write an X in the blank next to each group of words that does not make sense. The first two are done for you.

1.  X  Bluebirds Tuesday over my flew house on.
2.  S  Tanya spent her lunch money on rice cakes.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Grew she blue garden corn her in.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The whole class made a movie about spaghetti.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Snow days don't happen often in Brazil.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Singh uses lemons to make her hands soft.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Can uphill Meli snowboard.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ All numbers can be divided by two.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit salad is yummy.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Some tails no have dogs.

### WRITE NOW!

The nonsense groups of words above really want to be sentences. Turn two of the groups of words into sentences that make sense. Write the sentences on the back of this page.

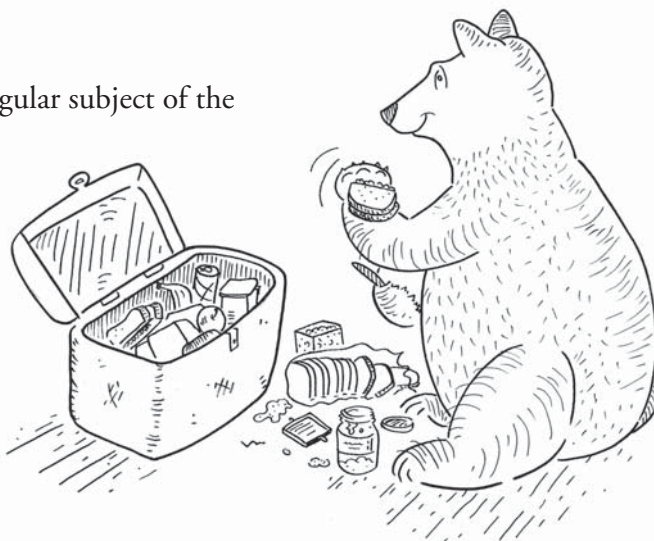
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## Triple-Decker Verbs

Compound predicates work great when the singular subject of the sentence is doing a bunch of different actions.

**Check this out:** *The bear sneaked into camp, broke into the cooler, and made a tuna sandwich.*

In this sentence, the bear did three things: sneaked into camp, broke into the cooler, and made a tuna sandwich. These three actions make up the compound predicate.



### **GO!**

Combine the three actions in each set below to write a sentence that has a compound predicate. You will need to add a subject to each sentence. Write the sentence in the blank. HINT: Your subject could be the name of a person or any noun or pronoun you can think of. The first one is done for you.

1. found an ink pen, wrote a note, left his hometown

Martinez found an ink pen, wrote a note, and left his hometown.

2. ate all the cheese dip, cleaned up the chips, drank all the flavored water

\_\_\_\_\_

3. leaped onto the lily pad, snatched a fly with its tongue, hopped into the mud

\_\_\_\_\_

4. got lost, spent the night in the swamp, crawled out on Monday

\_\_\_\_\_

5. slept during math class, stayed after school, apologized to the teacher

\_\_\_\_\_

### **WRITE NOW!**

Write a sentence about three things you love to do during your free time. Use a compound predicate with three actions in your sentence. Write the sentence on the back of this page.

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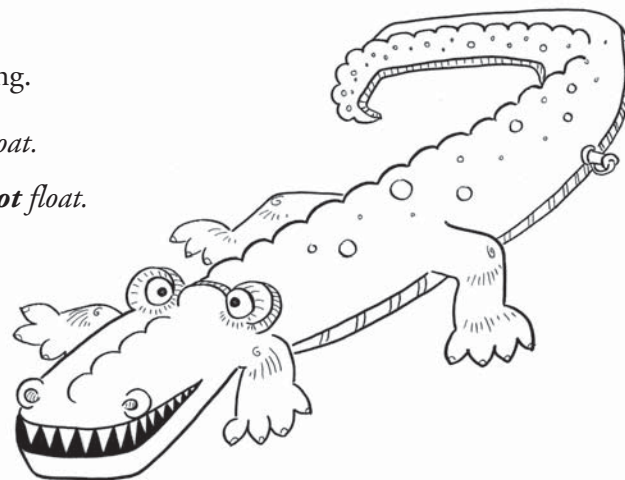
## No! No! No!

In sentences, the word “not” changes everything.

**Check this out:** *This inflatable alligator does float.*

*This inflatable alligator does **not** float.*

These two sentences have opposite meanings. Adding “not” after the verb completely turns the first sentence around. The word “not” is a **negative**. A negative changes the meaning of a positive sentence. It says “No!”



## GO!

Use the word “not” to turn each positive sentence below into a negative sentence. Write the new sentence in the blank. The first one is done for you.

1. This billy goat does fetch.

This billy goat does not fetch.

2. The doughnut rack is full.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Those lockers were jammed.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Our cat is bored.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Mona’s house was old.

\_\_\_\_\_

## WRITE NOW!

Think of three things that you are not. (For example, you are not an astronaut, you are not living in a cave, and you are not purple.) Write three sentences about what is not true about you. Use the word “not” in each sentence. Write the sentences on the back of this page.

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## Quiz: Quotations

A quiz is a rest stop on the road to learning. You sit down, you think, and you make choices using what you know about a certain subject. In this case, the subject is dialogue.

### GO!

Carefully read the quotations in the news article below.

Fill in the missing quotation marks and commas.



### TEEN CIRCUS NEWS

The Teen Circus will be coming to Wackyland on Tuesday, and the gates will open at 6:00 p.m. Day passes will cost \$14.00. Free day passes are available for all teens wearing lampshades as hats.

I won't wear a lampshade remarked Angie Storm, a 16-year-old Teen Circus fan.

"Lampshades don't go with any of my outfits, and they ruin my hair!"

Teens from around the world perform in the Teen Circus, including the Skatezup family from Poland.

We have been skateboarding as a family for 20 years" Elmo Skatezup said. "We started with separate boards he continued and now we all skate on the same giant board.

State circus officials are taking no chances on Tuesday. All safety ordinances must be followed.

We will keep the fire-breathing to a minimum fire inspector Mika Dunn said. "Last year, there was only one accident Dunn continued. "A girl on a unicycle went sailing into the 20-ton tub of eggnog.

This year, we will have to keep an eye on her fire inspector Cally Martinez added. She has hooked up a 30-horsepower motor to her unicycle, so we are bringing earplugs to all the events."