Lesson 2: Dino Day

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Amy.

My neighborhood just celebrated National Dinosaur Day. It happens every year and it's a chance to celebrate and learn all about the amazing creatures that roamed the earth a very long time ago.

My neighbors and I like to do something fun every year on National Dinosaur Day. It's a pretty normal day, and we go about our normal activities, but the only difference is, we dress up like dinosaurs. Check it out.

We have a neighborhood website that we use to share all of the fun pictures and videos of this awesome event. Here are the pictures I'm adding this year, like this one. Here's the picture, and under the picture I wrote what's happening, "The dino rides a bike." Notice how I didn't just write "The dino" or "rides a bike." Instead, I wrote a complete sentence that tells who the sentence is about and what they're doing. That's what makes it a complete sentence. This helps my readers know what's happening in each of my pictures, even if they weren't there when it happened.

I have three more pictures to post:

1. "The dino runs on the beach."
2. "The dino goes shopping."
3. "The dino jumps on the trampoline."

These pictures are awesome and there's a complete sentence under each of them. Now, I just need to hit post so that they get shared to the website.

Oh, no! It looks like my computer glitched and messed up my sentences. These don't look right anymore.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: What do you notice about these sentences now?

HOOK 2

Maybe you said "It's hard to read," or maybe you said "The sentences aren't with the pictures," or maybe you said "The periods disappeared."

I want people to see these pictures, read what I wrote, and know what's happening in each picture, but right now, this is a sentence disaster!

Let's take a closer look. I'm going to try and read these words that are all smushed together. "The dino runs on the beach the dino jumps on the trampoline the dino goes shopping." That sounds like one long mixed-up idea and I can't tell what picture it goes with.

There are lots of complete sentences here but we can't tell where one sentence ends and where the next one starts. I need to add something that lets my readers know when each sentence begins and when it ends.

Take a look at this sentence again: "The dino rides a bike." Let's start with how the sentence begins. I see something in this sentence that stands nice and tall, and gets my readers' attention right at the start. That way they know, "Hey, this new sentence is starting." It's an uppercase letter.

I can remember an uppercase letter, like this. Watch me. An uppercase means a sentence begins. Try it with me. An uppercase means a sentence begins. One more time. An uppercase means a sentence begins.

Now that we know how a sentence begins, I need something that lets my reader know when each sentence is done, or to stop. Like maybe a stop sign or a red light.

Writers can't really add a stop sign or a red light to their writing. Instead, they add a period. A period is like a stop sign in your writing.

I like to remember it by doing this. Watch me. A period means a sentence ends. Try it with me. A period means a sentence ends. One more time. A period means a sentence ends.

Now I know I can use an uppercase letter and a period, but I need to make sure they go in the right places. To do that, I need to find the first sentence in all of this. Let's try to find the first sentence together. I'm going to start reading. When I hear a complete sentence about the dino and what it's doing, I'm going to stop.

"The dino runs on the beach." This sounds like a complete sentence, because I heard who the sentence is about and what they're doing. But now it needs to look like one, too.

Remember, an uppercase letter means a sentence begins, and a period means a sentence ends. Let's practice it together. An uppercase means a sentence begins, and a period means a sentence ends. Let's try it one more time. An uppercase means a sentence begins, and a period means a sentence ends.

This is the beginning of the sentence. To show that, this needs to be an uppercase letter. I can cross out the lowercase "t" and put an uppercase "T" right above it. Then, I can find the end of the sentence and add a period.

Now, I can find the picture that this sentence matches. Check it out. This picture is a dinosaur running on the beach, just like this sentence. So, I'll draw a line to connect these. That looks great!

In today's lesson, you'll help me fix the rest of this smooshed sentence by filling in the uppercase letters and periods to show where each sentence begins and ends. Then, you'll decide which dinosaur picture belongs with each sentence.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

Find the line at the top of your page that says "Name." Write your name on the line.

STEP 3

Look at the first sentence again: "The dino runs on the beach." We changed this lowercase "t" to an uppercase "T" to show the beginning, and added a period to show the end.

Look at your worksheet. Find the picture of a pencil. We're going to put this first complete sentence in a box.

Put the tip of your pencil here. Use the dotted line to help you draw a box around the complete sentence. It doesn't have to be perfect. Just try your best.

STEP 4

Put your finger on the first word inside the box you just drew. Follow along on your worksheet as I read the sentence one more time. "The dino runs on the beach."

Look at the pictures on the right side of your worksheet. Draw a line connecting the sentence and the picture of the dino running on the beach.

STEP 5

I'm going to read the next part. You can follow along on your worksheet. When I hear a complete sentence about the dino and what it's doing, I'm going to stop. "The dino jumps on the trampoline." This is another complete sentence.

Our reader needs to know where the sentence begins. Find the lowercase "t" that starts this sentence. Cross it out and write an uppercase "T" right above it.

STEP 6

It's time to add the period. Find where this sentence ends. When you find it, add a period.

STEP 7

You just separated the second sentence from the smushed part.

Draw a box around the second sentence. It doesn't have to be perfect. Just try your best.

STEP 8

Follow along on your worksheet as I read this sentence one more time. "The dino jumps on the trampoline."

Look at the pictures on the right side of your worksheet. Draw a line connecting the sentence and the matching picture.

STEP 9

Follow along on your worksheet as I read this last sentence. When I hear a complete sentence about the dino and what it's doing, I'm going to stop. "The dino goes shopping."

Awesome! We just found our last complete sentence.

Now, it needs an uppercase letter and a period. Find the beginning of this sentence and change it to an uppercase letter. Then, find the end of this sentence and add a period.

STEP 10

Wow, you're almost done fixing these sentences!

Draw a box around the third sentence. It doesn't have to be perfect. Just try your best.

STEP 11

Follow along on your worksheet as I read the sentence one more time. "The dino goes shopping."

Look at the pictures on the right side of your worksheet. Draw a line connecting the sentence and the matching picture.

WRAP UP

Wow, you did it! You helped me separate my sentences by making sure each sentence started with an upper case letter and ended with a period.

The pictures and sentences on the website look fantastic now. If someone looks at this, they'll be able to see that these pictures have a complete idea under each of them.

This National Dinosaur Day has been a success. I hope you get to celebrate, too. Thanks for all your help today. I'll see you next time.