

## Sentence Features Recognition

### Today's Standard

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

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying the first word in a sentence during reading.; Noticing and using capitalization at the beginning of sentences.; Recognizing and using correct ending punctuation (periods, question marks, exclamation points).; Writing simple sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation.

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about the features of a sentence. We practiced finding the first word, using capital letters at the beginning, and putting the right punctuation at the end.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think any word at the start of a line is the first word of a sentence. Others believe all sentences end with a period. We need to help them understand that sentences can start anywhere in a line and can end with different punctuation marks.

### Quiz Me

- What is the first word in this sentence?
- Why do we use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence?
- What punctuation mark do we use to end a question?
- Can a sentence end with an exclamation point?
- Show me where the period goes in this sentence.

### Help Me

A sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a punctuation mark like a period, question mark, or exclamation point. This helps us know where the sentence begins and ends when we read or write.