

# SECTION C - Syntax

## 1 SYNTAX

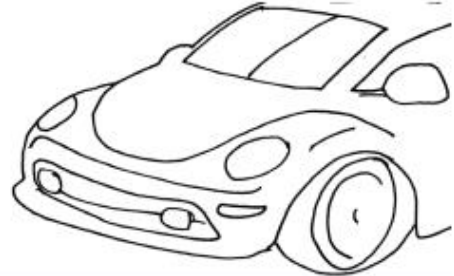


Syntax is the study of how words work together to make sense.



1. Put a tick in the box beside the groups of words that make sense, a cross beside the ones that don't.

- The car yellow.
- Yellow car the.
- Car yellow the.
- The yellow car.



The words themselves all make sense. What stopped making the groups of words from making sense was that they didn't follow the rules of syntax. These rules tell us what order words should be in.

## 2 SENTENCE



A sentence is a group of words that makes sense on its own.



1. Write out these jumbled sentences in the correct order.

- a. Me called you. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Sat down the man. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Juice your drink. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Quiet be! \_\_\_\_\_
- e. The cries baby. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. The cried baby. \_\_\_\_\_
- g. The crying is baby. \_\_\_\_\_
- h. The by the door is standing man. \_\_\_\_\_




A sentence tells the reader a whole idea. It does not need any extra words to make sense.



2. Which of these are complete sentences? Put a tick in the box if they are complete sentences, a cross if they are not.

- a. Apples.
- b. Standing.
- c. Is there.
- d. I am here.
- e. What did you say?
- f. Me and my family.
- g. Dad was on the internet.
- h. On the internet.
- i. I'll see you later.
- j. Six months.

 3. Now write some sentences of your own as you answer these questions. The first two have been done to show you how to do it. Make sure you write whole sentences, not just one or two words, for the answers.

a. What colour is your car?

My car is red.

b. When does the movie start?

The movie starts at three o'clock.

c. What colour is a sheep?

\_\_\_\_\_

d. When is Christmas day?

\_\_\_\_\_

e. Who is your favourite author?

\_\_\_\_\_


f. What is the capital city of New Zealand?

\_\_\_\_\_

g. Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand?

\_\_\_\_\_

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 4. Colour in the Christmas picture.



A sentence can be:

- a statement – The car is in the drive.
- a question – Why is the car in the drive?
- a command – Put the car away.
- an exclamation – What a nice car that is!



 5. Write whether each of these sentences is a statement, a question, a command or an exclamation.

a. Stop the car.

\_\_\_\_\_

b. When will we get there?


\_\_\_\_\_

c. We should arrive at ten o'clock.

\_\_\_\_\_

d. What a boring trip this is!

\_\_\_\_\_

 6. Now write for yourself:

a. a sentence that is a statement.

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b. a sentence that is a question.

\_\_\_\_\_

c. a sentence that is a command.

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d. a sentence that is an exclamation.

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