

A stylized illustration of a space shuttle launching. The shuttle is white with blue and grey accents, angled upwards. It has a large orange nose cone and a green external tank. Two orange boosters are attached to the sides, with orange flames and white smoke coming from the engines at the bottom. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a large blue sphere in the upper right.

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# Sentences & Fragments



Name \_\_\_\_\_

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought.

*Mrs. Carson grew vegetables in her garden.*

A **fragment** is a group of words that does not express a complete thought.

*Picked watermelons on Friday.  
The tall cornstalks.*

Every sentence contains a subject and a predicate. The **subject** tells who or what the sentence is about. All the words in the subject part make up the **complete subject**.

complete subject

complete predicate

*The busy farmer* | *planted ten rows of tomatoes.*

The **predicate** tells what the subject does or is. All the words in the predicate part make up the **complete predicate**.

*God sends the rain to help plants grow.*

Ps. 147:8

Zech. 8:12



## Guided Practice

- Write **S** if the group of words is a sentence.  
Write **F** if the group of words is a fragment.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The farmer prepares the soil before planting seeds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Tills the ground to loosen the soil.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Usually plants the seeds in rows.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The seeds need water and sunlight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The young seedlings in long rows.

- Underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice.

- 6. People grow many different plants in a vegetable garden.
- 7. Green beans grow on vines.
- 8. All potatoes grow under the ground.
- 9. Cornstalks are sometimes six feet tall.
- 10. Another word for *fruits* and *vegetables* is *produce*.

- Write a complete predicate to finish the sentence.

- 11. The produce in a grocery store \_\_\_\_\_.

- Write a complete subject to finish the sentence.

- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ buy vegetables at the Farmer's Market.





## Chapter 3 Review

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### F. Rewrite each phrase using a plural possessive noun.

24. the shoes of the players \_\_\_\_\_  
25. the jackets of the children \_\_\_\_\_  
26. the paws belonging to the lions \_\_\_\_\_  
27. the eyes of the mice \_\_\_\_\_

### G. Write the correct abbreviation for each noun.

28. Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 31. President \_\_\_\_\_  
29. Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ 32. March \_\_\_\_\_  
30. Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Road \_\_\_\_\_

### H. Fill in the circle next to the correct sentence.

34. ☐ Can you tell which direction is north?  
☐ Can you tell which direction is North?  
35. ☐ The Appalachian Mountains reach as far as Alabama.  
☐ The Appalachian mountains reach as far as Alabama.  
36. ☐ We picked berries near Lake Lanier.  
☐ We picked berries near lake Lanier.  
37. ☐ We had a history lesson about the Native Americans who lived in the Desert.  
☐ We had a history lesson about the Native Americans who lived in the desert.



Appalachian Mountains

# Instructions in a Letter: Proofreading

Name \_\_\_\_\_



► Use the *Proofreading Checklist* as you proofread your letter. Use proofreading marks to mark the mistakes.

Almost everybody likes simores, even though they're a little sticky! Have a fun time making them.

Your friend,

Parker



## Proofreading Checklist

- ☐ 1. I used complete sentences.
- ☐ 2. I put a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence.
- ☐ 3. I put a punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.
- ☐ 4. I used capital letters correctly within the sentences.
- ☐ 5. I used commas correctly in the heading, greeting, and closing of my letter.
- ☐ 6. I looked for misspelled words.

## Proofreading Marks

-  Add
-  Delete
-  Capital letter
-  Lowercase
-  Move

► Save your proofread letter for use in Lesson 38.

## Excerpt from “Pecos Bill Gets a Wife”

(from *I Met You in a Story*, BJU Press)

Pecos Bill, that rootin’ tootin’ cowboy, he figured he had just about everything. Why, he had Scat the cougar. And he had Rat the python. And of course, he had Widow Maker, the biggest, brawniest horse in the West, a horse that only Pecos Bill could ride. So the cowboy was mighty content, figuring there was nothing else in the whole wide world he could ever want.

But one day Pecos Bill was moseying down the river trail on old Widow Maker’s back. He was taking it kind of slow and easy, ’bout sixty miles an hour, when all of a sudden something stopped him right in his tracks.

It was a sight. A sight the likes of what Pecos Bill had never seen before in all his days. Speeding down the middle of the river on the back of a giant catfish was a cowgirl. What a cowgirl! Her hair was as red as the evening sun, all tied up in two braids, looking like two carrots sticking out of her head. Her hat flapped on the ends of its strings.

“Yippee! Yahoo!” she yelled. Her two long bony arms wrapped around the catfish’s body. “Yahoo-ee! Yip-yip-yahoo!”

No doubt about it; it was love at first sight. Pecos Bill felt his heart do a double flip and the sweat stand out on his brow. He had to meet this cowgirl!

Even while he watched, the catfish took a wild leap and landed on the bank, gasping for breath. The redheaded cowgirl hopped off,

and with one quick toss she flipped the catfish back into the water.

Then she turned to face Pecos Bill.

“Howdy, cowboy!”

She grinned wide enough to show off all six of her teeth, shining white and pearly. The freckles on her face stood out bold and orange.

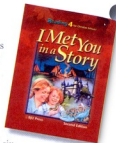
Pecos Bill’s heart jumped into his throat, and he couldn’t speak for gazing at her beauty. So she kept right on talking.

“My name’s Slewfoot Sue. I come down the river to find me new critters to ride. I done rode everything this country has to offer. I’ve rode grizzly bears and mountain lions and wild horses, and now I’ve rode a catfish too.” She grinned again and poured the water out of her boot. “What have you rode, cowboy?”

All Pecos Bill could do was smile.

There was a whirlwind courtship, and Slewfoot Sue decided she loved this cowboy as much as he loved her. But as crazy as Bill was about Sue, there was one thing he wouldn’t let her do.

“Sue,” he told her, “I’ve got to warn you. Everything I have is yours, including Widow Maker. But he’s a fiery horse, and he won’t let anyone ride him but me. If you try, I might never see you again.”





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