

Build a BETTER Sentence

Prerequisite Practice #2: Recognize When Parts

Prepositions:

as, before, during, after, until,
since, while, when

*The puppy wags his tail when
he is happy.*

*The puppy wags his tail while I
scratch his back.*

Day or Time:

yesterday, today, tomorrow,
this morning, tonight, time, now

The puppy wags his tail now.

**Prepositions are ALWAYS
better than a day or time!*

Directions: Underline each when part. If there is no when part, draw a line through the sentence.

1. Amy and Katie chase each other in the field after school.
2. Before sunrise, mom cooks breakfast because it is Sunday.
3. Because she has allergies, Jessica sneezes when the pollen count is high.
4. On Wednesdays, dad brings us to Drew Park.
5. While I was doing my homework, the phone rang twice.
6. An insect lands softly on the flower.
7. The pretty vase sat on the edge of the counter.
8. The family eats Thanksgiving dinner now.

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Prerequisite Practice #3: Recognize Where Parts

prepositions

above, across, against, along, around, at, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, by, down, from, in, inside, near, off, on, out, outside, over, past, through, to, toward, under, up, upon

The puppy eats in the kitchen.

The puppy eats under the table.

Directions: Underline each where part. If there is no where part, draw a line through the sentence.

1. We lay on the beach as we listen to the waves.
2. Monica glances at her watch because she is running late.
3. The boys pitch the ball at the fields for an hour.
4. She yells at the top of her lungs.
5. The dog walks down the street into the woods.
6. The luxury cruise ship flounders in the ocean.
7. I want to eat lunch at McDonalds.
8. Rachel looks out the window at the pounding rain.

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Prerequisite Practice #4: Recognize Why Parts

because

The puppy barks because he can't reach the bone.

so that

The puppy barks so that someone will fill his water bowl.

since

The puppy barks since no one is giving him attention.

to + verb

The puppy barks to tell us that he is hungry.

Directions: Underline each why part. If there is no why part, draw a line through the sentence.

1. Mom picks up the phone to call Grandma and Grandpa.
2. Betty explains that we can't go fishing because it is raining.
3. The eagle soars down to catch his prey.
4. The restaurant closes its doors on Sundays so that the employees can have a day of rest.
5. The car careens around the bend.
6. The plumber works hard to fix the faucet.
7. The volcano rumbles since it is ready to erupt.
8. Jared jumps over the log so that he doesn't trip.

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Prerequisite Practice #5: Recognize How Parts

adverb (-ly)

The puppy jumps happily.

with / without

The puppy jumps with so much energy.

simile (like or as)

The puppy jumps like a frog.

The puppy jumps without a reason.

The puppy jumps as quickly as a rabbit.

Directions: Underline each how part. If there is no how part, draw a line through the sentence.

1. Flames explode violently from the window.
2. We cheer like crazy fans when dad got home.
3. Molly waits with patience while I finish my chores.
4. The athlete dashes quickly to the finish line.
5. We eat at the picnic tables without worrying about ants.
6. The babies sit in high chairs like birds on a high line.
7. The difficult test asks too many complicated questions.
8. Andrew's face turns as red as a tomato when he is embarrassed.