MAIN CLAUSES & SENTENCE STRUCTURE

CEFR Level A1 — Beginners

English Language Worksheets | 4 Worksheets + Answer Key

Worksheet 1: What Is a Sentence?

Every sentence needs a subject and a verb, and it tells a complete idea.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **Look and learn**

A main clause is a complete sentence. It has a subject (who or what) and a verb (the action). Study the table.

Subject	Verb	Rest of the sentence
The dog	barks	at night.
My sister	plays	the piano.
We	eat	dinner at seven.
It	is	cold today.
Tom and Ana	walk	to school.

*Remember! A sentence starts with a **capital letter** and ends with a **full stop (.)**, a question mark (?) or an exclamation mark (!).*

PART B — **Sentence or not?**

Write YES if it is a complete sentence. Write NO if something is missing.

1. In the garden. → _____
2. The baby is sleeping. → _____
3. My friends play football. → _____
4. Runs very fast. → _____
5. The red car. → _____
6. We are happy. → _____
7. Under the big table. → _____
8. She reads a book. → _____

Score: _____ / 8

Worksheet 2: Find the Subject and the Verb

Every main clause has these two parts.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **Underline the subject, circle the verb**

In each sentence, underline the subject and circle the verb.

1. The children play in the park.
2. My mother cooks dinner.
3. Birds fly in the sky.
4. I like chocolate.
5. The teacher writes on the board.
6. We watch TV every evening.

PART B — **Complete the sentence**

are • eats • is • play • sings • sleeps

Write a verb from the box in each gap. Use each verb once.

1. The cat _____ on my bed.
2. My friends _____ very kind.
3. She _____ beautiful songs.
4. The boy _____ an apple.
5. We _____ football on Saturday.
6. My brother _____ ten years old.

Score: _____ / 12

Worksheet 3: Joining Sentences with and, but, or

We can join two main clauses to make one longer sentence.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **Look and learn**

Word	We use it to…	Example
and	add another idea	I like tea and I like coffee.
but	show a difference	I like tea but I don't like coffee.
or	give a choice	Do you want tea or do you want coffee?

Circle the best word: and, but or or.

1. I am tired (and / but) I am happy.
2. We can walk (or / and) we can take the bus.
3. She opened the door (and / or) she went inside.
4. It is sunny (but / or) it is very cold.
5. Do you want water (and / or) do you want juice?
6. He washed his hands (and / but) he ate his lunch.

PART B — **Correct the mistakes**

Each sentence has ONE mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. “my dog is big.” (capital letter)
   Correction: _____
2. “The boy happy.” (missing verb)
   Correction: _____
3. “Plays in the garden.” (missing subject)
   Correction: _____
4. “I like cats I like dogs.” (join them)
   Correction: _____
5. “She is tired” (missing full stop)
   Correction: _____

Score: _____ / 11

Worksheet 4: Writing Practice

Write your own complete sentences.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

PART A — **Make one sentence**

Join each pair with and, but or or. Write one sentence.

1. I am hungry. / I have no food.
   _____
2. We can play. / We can watch a film.
   _____
3. She got up. / She had breakfast.
   _____
4. The book is long. / It is very good.
   _____

PART B — **About me**

Write three sentences about your family. Each sentence must have a subject and a verb. Use ‘and’ in one sentence and ‘but’ in another.

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Score: _____ / 6

ANSWER KEY & TEACHER NOTES

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Worksheet 1 – Part B (Sentence or not?)

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
1	In the garden.	NO — no subject and no verb
2	The baby is sleeping.	YES
3	My friends play football.	YES
4	Runs very fast.	NO — no subject
5	The red car.	NO — no verb
6	We are happy.	YES
7	Under the big table.	NO — no subject and no verb
8	She reads a book.	YES

Worksheet 2 – Subject, Verb & Gap Fill

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
A	Subject / verb 1–6	1 The children / play, 2 My mother / cooks, 3 Birds / fly, 4 I / like, 5 The teacher / writes, 6 We / watch
B	Gaps 1–6 in order	sleeps, are, sings, eats, play, is

Worksheet 3 – Joining & Mistakes

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
A	Choices 1–6	1 but, 2 or, 3 and, 4 but, 5 or, 6 and
B1	capital letter	My dog is big.
B2	missing verb	The boy is happy.
B3	missing subject	He plays in the garden. (any sensible subject)
B4	join them	I like cats and I like dogs.
B5	missing full stop	She is tired.

Worksheet 4 – Writing (model answers)

#	Question / Item	Answer / Guidance
1	hungry / no food	I am hungry but I have no food.
2	play / watch	We can play or we can watch a film.
3	got up / breakfast	She got up and she had breakfast.
4	long / good	The book is long but it is very good.
B	About me	Award 1 mark per correct sentence (max 3): each needs a subject and a verb; one must use ‘and’ and one ‘but’.