

Department of English

Orientation Programme

1. The Sentence :

- Define Sentence
- Remember two things
 - a) The sentence must begin with a **Capital Letter**
 - b) A **Full stop** (.) must be placed at the end of the sentence.
- **Exercise:** The words below are jumbled. Put the words in their right order so that they make sensible sentences.
 1. wings, fly, with, their, birds
 2. us, brings, letters, postman, the
 3. is, eating, the, girl, ice cream, an
 4. milk, cow, us, gives, the
 5. nests, build, birds, in, tree
- **Exercise:** Rewrite these sentences, observing the two important rules:
 1. manan will come here tomorrow
 2. my garden is full of flowers
 3. my aunt is an engineer
 4. nerisha and shanvi are dancing in the park
 5. saturday is the last day of the week.

2. The Noun- kinds of Nouns:

- Define Noun
- Kind of Nouns
 - Common Nouns
 - Proper Nouns
 - Collective Nouns
 - Material Nouns
 - Abstract Noun

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with a suitable noun:

Engine, puppy, author, sailor, garage.

1. A place where cars are kept is called a _____.
2. A person who writes books is called an _____.
3. A baby dog is called a _____.
4. An _____ pulls the train.
5. A person who works on a ship is called a _____.

- **Exercise:** Fill in the blanks using the above words-

Wool, letters, bread, cabbages, milk.

1. _____ are sold by the green grocer.
2. The milk man brings us _____.
3. _____ is sold by the draper.
4. The postman brings us _____.
5. Bread is sold by the _____.

- **Exercise:** Write the following sentences, putting in the capital:-

1. paris is the capital of france.
2. the tajmahal is at agra.
3. kiyan is a good boy.
4. nerisha is singing a song.
5. manan is playing in the garden.

- **Exercise:** Fill in the blanks with suitable collective Nouns.
Choose from the box :-

Library, gang, wardrobe, army, swarm.

1. She had a whole _____ of clothes.
2. The _____ of soldiers marched into battle.
3. A _____ of bees flew out of the hive.
4. Our teacher has a whole _____ of books.
5. A _____ of thieves entered the village at night.

- **Exercise:** Fill in the blanks with the Abstract Nouns formed from the words given in italics :-

1. What is the _____ of this room? (Long)
2. Kiyan is a clever boy. We all admire his _____.
3. What is her _____ (high)?
4. She failed again. Her _____ was never expected.
5. Do you know the _____ of his place of cloth?
(wide)

3. The Article:

- Indefinite Article
 - Definite Article

 - Uses of 'A' and 'An' & 'The'.
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- **Exercise:** Fill up the following blanks with 'A' 'An' or 'The' as required.
 1. _____ train was _____ hour late.
 2. _____ umbrella is _____ useful thing.
 3. _____ Himalayas are _____ highest mountains in _____ world.
 4. Srilanka is _____ is land.
 5. _____ aeroplane flies in _____ sky.

4. Punctuation And The Use of Capital:

- The most common stops or Marks of Punctuation are :-
 1. The Comma (,)
 2. The Semicolon (;)
 3. The colon (:)
 4. The Full Stop (.)
 5. The Question Mark (?)
 6. The Mark of exclamation (!)
 7. The Quotation Marks (" ")

- **Capital Letters**

A Capital Letter is used to begin:

- a) Every New Sentence
- b) Proper Noun
- c) Words such as / oh, God, I
- d) The first word of a sentence put with in Inverted Commas as,
She said, “This lesson is hard to learn”.
- e) The first word of every line of poetry as,
Work while you work,
Play while you play.

- **Exercise:** Supply all the necessary stops and capital in the following sentences :

1. ashok and mohan went to agra to see the tajmahal.
2. akbar the greatest of the mughal emperors ruled wisely.
3. hari, rohan, sohan, mohan all came to see me.
4. i am playing in the garden.
5. meera is dancing.

5. Descriptive Composition:

1. My House :

Questions:

- 1) Where is your house situated?
- 2) Is it situated in a healthy locality?
- 3) Is it a big house?
- 4) How many rooms has it?
- 5) How many rooms are there on the ground floor?
- 6) How many rooms are there in first floor?
- 7) Are all the rooms well-ventilated?
- 8) What furniture do you have in your drawing room?
- 9) Have you a little garden in front of your house?
- 10) What kinds of flowers and vegetables have you grown there?

2. A Postman :

Questions:

- 1) Have you ever seen a postman?
- 2) What does he do for you?
- 3) What does he carry with him?
- 4) What does his leather bag contain?
- 5) Why do people wait for him?
- 6) Is he a useful man?