

# stretch → a sentence

Start with a **teeny-tiny** sentence. Then make it **BIGGER** by asking five magic questions — **Who**, **What**, **Where**, **When**, and **Why**. Watch a little "A cat." grow into a whole storybook sentence!

Here's how it works 🐱

**Who?**

a person or animal

*A cat*



**What?**

what are they doing

*A cat runs.*



**Where?**

in what place

*A cat runs in the park.*



**When?**

what time or day

*In the morning, a cat runs in the park.*



**Why?**

because...

*In the morning, a cat runs in the park because he loves to feel the wind!*



1

### Start small

Write a tiny two-word sentence.  
Just a Who and a What.

2

### Ask & add

Add Where, When, and Why —  
one juicy detail on each new line.

3

### Read & draw

Read your big sentence out loud,  
then draw what you imagined!

Print the next page again and again — a brand-new sentence every time!

# stretch *a sentence*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Draw it!*

**Who?**

a person or animal

\_\_\_\_\_



**What?**

what are they doing

\_\_\_\_\_

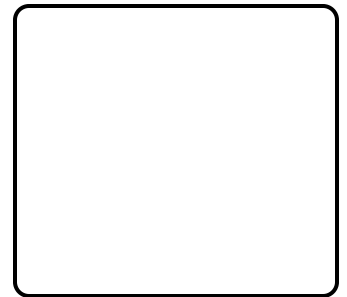


**Where?**

in what place

\_\_\_\_\_

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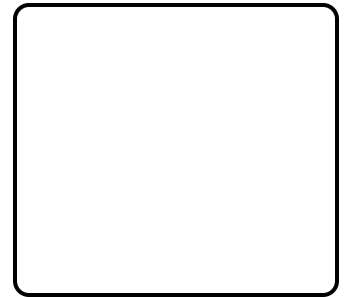


**When?**

what time or day

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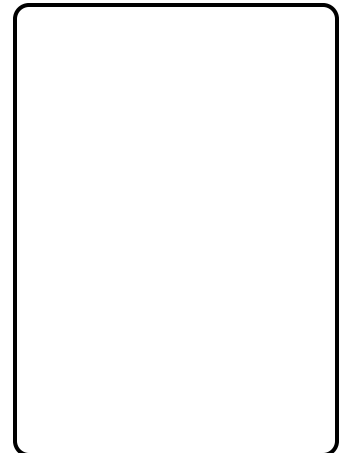
**Why?**

because...

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Now read your BIG sentence out loud – how many words did you grow?

# Stuck? *start here — an idea bank!*

Can't think of a Who or a Where? Borrow an idea from the lists below — or use them to dream up something even sillier of your own.



**Who?** · a person or animal

a sleepy dragon · Grandma · a tiny robot · a lost puppy · a brave little mouse · a pirate · my best friend · a wobbly penguin



**What?** · what are they doing

hops · sneezes · paints · tiptoes · giggles · builds a fort · bakes cookies · splashes · sings · plants a seed · zooms



**Where?** · in what place

under the bed · on the moon · in a cozy library · at the beach · in a snowy forest · on a rooftop · inside a teapot



**When?** · what time or day

at midnight · last autumn · before breakfast · on a rainy Tuesday · during the storm · just as the sun came up



**Why?** · the best part — because...

because she was curious · because it was raining cupcakes · because he wanted to make a new friend · because the stars were calling · because nobody had ever tried before · because it was the kindest thing to do

## ★ Super-Stretch Challenge

Already a sentence-stretching champion? Add a **How** (quietly? bravely?) and a **feeling** (proud? nervous?). How many words can your sentence grow to?

## ♥ Parent & Teacher Corner

- ◆ **Why this works:** "stretching" turns sentence-building into a game, so kids practice descriptive writing without it feeling like a worksheet.
- ◆ **Say it before you write it.** Let your child say each bigger sentence out loud first — speaking the words makes writing them far easier.
- ◆ **There are no wrong answers.** Silly is wonderful. A dragon brushing its teeth on the moon is a perfect sentence.
- ◆ **Keep a stack handy.** Re-print page 2 for car rides, restaurant waits, or a calm-down corner. One page, endless sentences.

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