

Dictated Sentences - instructions

- Before beginning this work, please talk with your child about sentences.
- Remind them that a statement sentence ends with a full stop and tell us something; it gives us information.
- Additionally, remind your child that all sentences begin with a capital letter. Also, remind them that names begin with a capital letter too. Please use the letter formation mat in this week's work if your child needs reminders on how to form any of their lowercase or uppercase letters.
- Using the sentences below, read the first sentence to your child. Then ask your child to repeat the sentence back to you and count the words on their fingers. Ask them to repeat it back to you 2-3 times, you can say it together. Then, ask your child to write the sentence.
- Your child should be able to spell all the words that have been put in the sentences. However, don't worry if they find some of them tricky, this just means they need more practise.
- Remind your child to form their letters carefully as they have been shown in school. Also, remind them to use their knowledge of phonics to help them spell. If they are unsure of how to spell a word ask them to chop it up into phonemes (sounds) to help them spell it. Once written, remind them to check that they have used capital letters correctly and added a full stop at the end of their sentence. Ask them to read their sentence out loud to ensure it makes sense.
- Then, move onto the second sentence. Keep repeating this until all the sentences have been written.

After the sentences are written.

- Remember to praise your child's efforts, as they will have worked hard to complete their sentences. Say what you like about their work. Have they used their best handwriting? Or made an improvement in the way they form a certain letter? Have they remembered to use finger spaces? Have they spelt certain words correctly? Did they remember all their full stops? Have they remembered to use capital letters correctly? Find the things that have been done well and comment on them.

Sentences to be dictated.

They like to play.

I have got some sweets.

She can sit on a chair.

Tim and Sam went up the stairs.

Clair and Gair went to the fair on Saturday.

