Writing a Sentence

Writing Boot Camp: Basics
Learning Targets

- Students will be able to write sentences using proper mechanics and grammar.
- Students will be able to correctly use and identify parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb).
Writing a Proper Sentence

Simple Sentence...

1. Start with a noun
   - Proper Noun
   - Pronoun
   - Subject Noun

2. Then a verb

3. Then an object noun, if needed

4. And adverbs or adjectives to your sentence as necessary
Examples...

Nouns
• Nouns can be proper nouns, pronouns, or common nouns
• Mary (proper noun); She (pronoun); Girl (common noun)
• Nouns can be subjects or objects.
• If Mary is doing something she is the subject.
• If something is being done to Mary she is an object.
• Example: Mary (subject) cooks chicken dumplings (object).

Verbs
• “action words”
• Ex: walk, act, shoot, kick, punch, eat, digest, cry, jump, cook, look, feel...
• Example: Mary cooks (verb) chicken dumplings.

Adjectives
• Describe a noun
• Ex: black, white, gross, ugly, hot, expensive, cheap...
• Mary cooks gross (adjective) chicken dumplings.

Adverbs
• Modify verbs or adjectives
• Ex: loudly, softly, randomly, really, firmly, quietly
• Mary cooks really (adverb) gross (adjective) chicken dumplings.
• Mary quietly (adverb) cooks (verb) gross chicken dumplings.
When writing a sentence, always be sure you choose the correct verb tense (ex: past, present, and future).
Practice!

- Go the **Writing a Sentence Exercises** and complete the exercises before you move on to the next section, “Writing a Paragraph.”

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