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Reading simple sentences

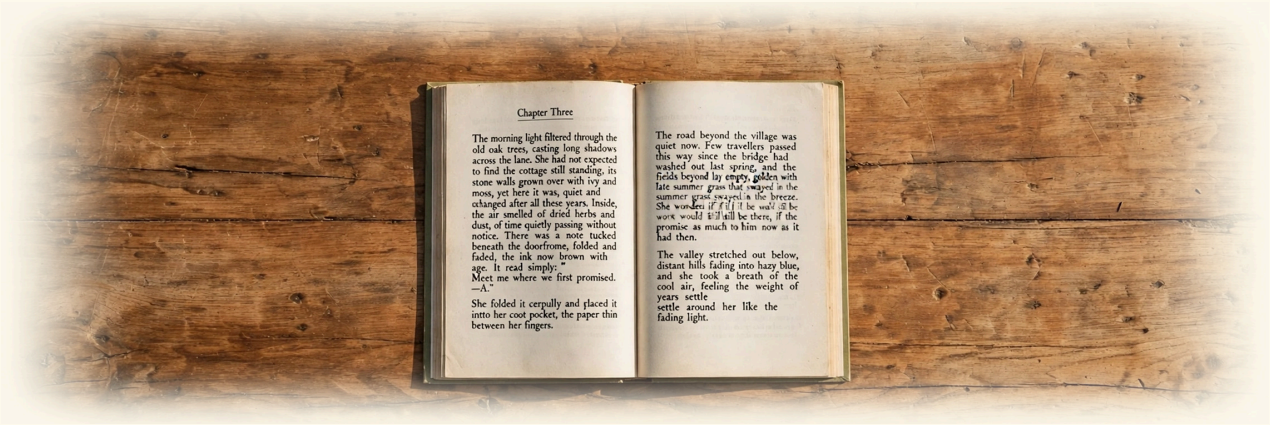
Difficulty level: Easy

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Overview of the concept

This is how you understand whole thoughts in books, signs, and instructions, not just single words on their own. A sign that says no parking on Tuesdays means something different from the words no parking on their own, and a set of instructions only works when each sentence is read as a whole thought. A text message, a recipe step, and a line in a story all work the same way. Reading sentences is what turns a pile of words into meaning you can act on.

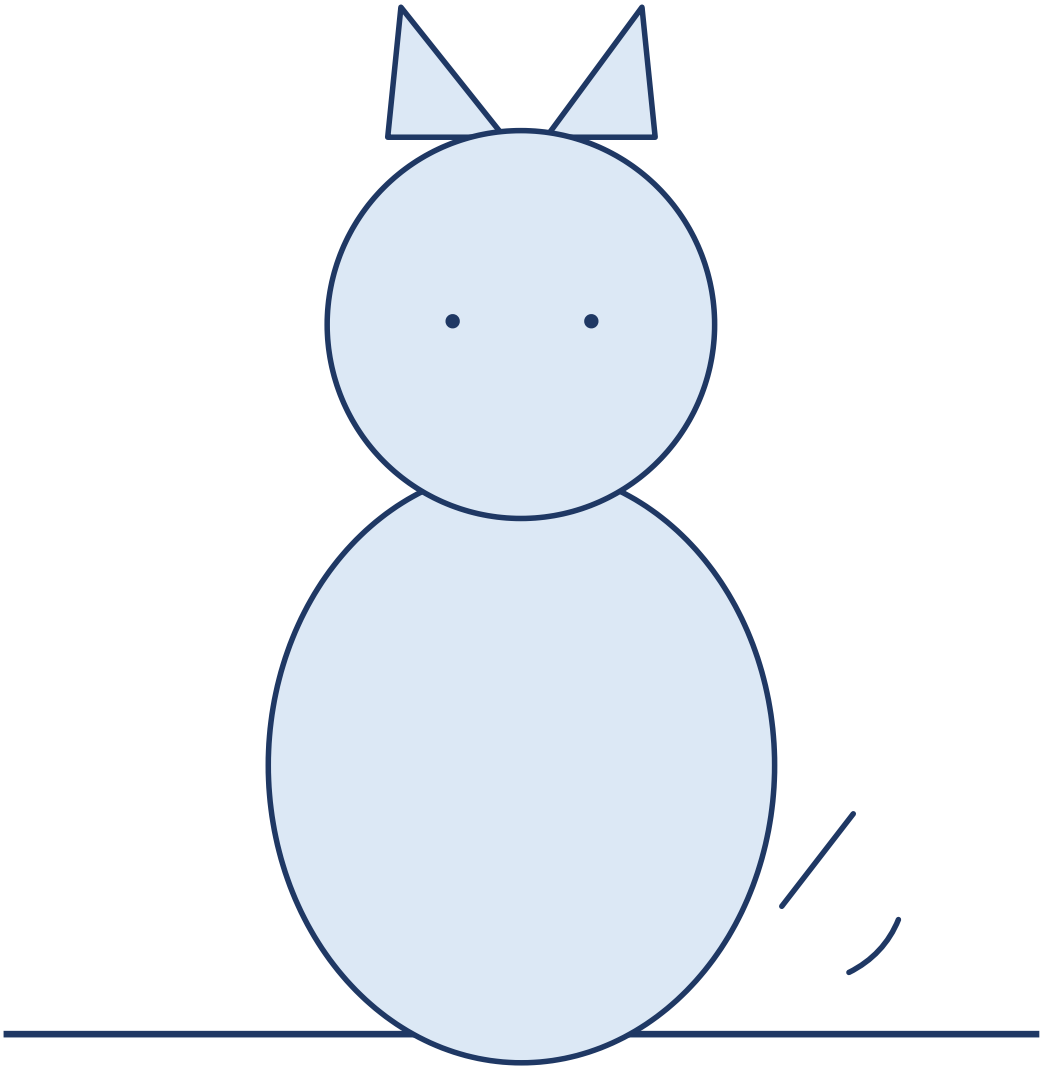


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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Read: The cat sat. What does it say?



SOLUTION

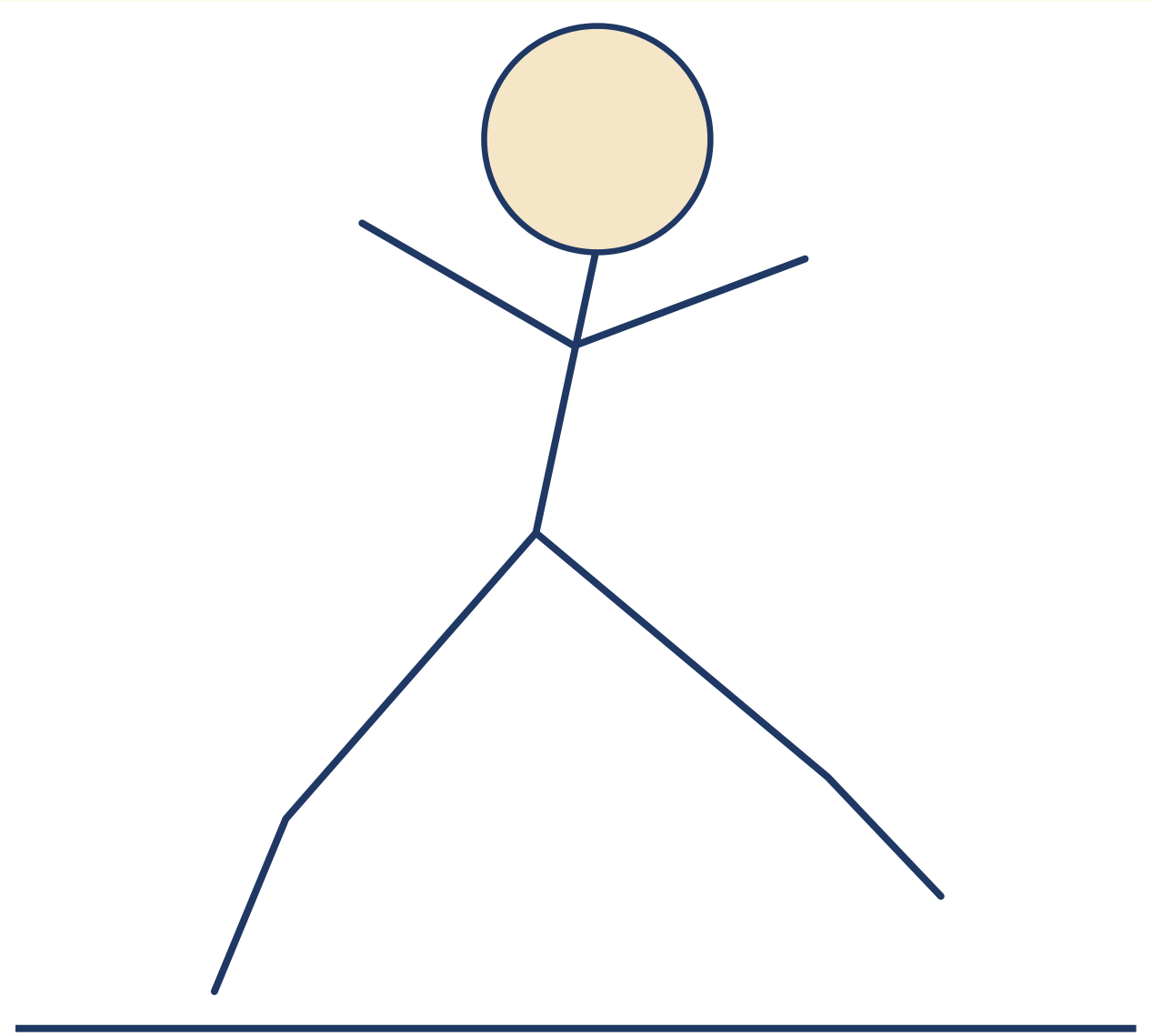
Read each word in order: The, cat, sat. Put the words together as one thought: a cat sat down.

So the sentence says: The cat sat.

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EXAMPLE 2

Q Read: Sam can run. What does it say?



SOLUTION

Read each word in order: Sam, can, run. Put the words together as one thought: Sam is able to run.

So the sentence says: Sam can run.

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Practice questions

1 Read: The dog is big. What does it say?

- A The dog is big
- B The cat is big
- C The dog is small
- D The dog is red

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2 Read: I see a red ball. What colour is the ball?

- A Blue
- B Red
- C Green
- D Yellow

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Read: Pam has a hat. Who has a hat?

A Ben

B Tom

C Pam

D Sam

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Read: Ben can jump. What can Ben do?

A Run

B Swim

C Sleep

D Jump

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Read: The bird can fly. True or false: the bird can swim?

A True

B False

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Read: Tom has a dog. The dog is brown. How many dogs does Tom have?

A One

B Two

C Three

D None

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Read: I like cake. What word is missing: I ___ cake?

A like

B hate

C eat

D see

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Read: Sam runs in the morning. When does Sam run?

A In the evening

B At night

C In the morning

D In the afternoon

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9 Read: A pig is pink. A cow is black and white. Which animal is pink?

- A The cow
- B The pig
- C The dog
- D The cat

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10 Read: The cat sat. The cat slept. What did the cat do first?

- A Slept
- B Ran
- C Ate
- D Sat

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ANSWER KEY

1. The dog is big

2. Red

3. Pam

4. Jump

5. False

6. One

7. like

8. In the morning

9. The pig

10. Sat

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