Complete sentences

Repair a puppet rehearsal plan

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Quick review A complete sentence expresses a complete thought. Commands can have an understood subject, you. A capital letter and period do not repair a fragment.

Example Close the lid. This is a complete command with the understood subject you. 'Because the glue was wet' leaves a thought unfinished.

Edit the rough notes so a puppet crew can understand the rehearsal plan. Some notes are already complete. Keep those and repair only the incomplete thoughts; other sensible repairs are valid.

Rough rehearsal notes

[1] The crew wrote: 'After the curtain rose.' 'Mina bowed.' 'The cardboard moon above the stage.' 'Hold the string.' 'The audience clapped.'

1. Explain why 'After the curtain rose.' cannot stand alone, even though 'curtain' and 'rose' are present.

2. Attach 'After the curtain rose' to 'Mina bowed' to make one complete sentence. Check the opening comma.

3. Repair 'The cardboard moon above the stage.' by adding a verb without removing the moon or its location.

4. Should the crew keep 'Hold the string.' as a complete sentence? Name its understood subject.

5. A reviewer calls 'Mina bowed.' a fragment because it is short. Explain why the reviewer is mistaken.

6. Invent one complete statement about a puppet's action for the next rehearsal note. Name its subject and verb.

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Responses and feedback: Repair a puppet rehearsal plan

These are sample responses and reasoning. Accept other answers that fit the task and are supported by the text or language rule.

1. 'After' makes the thought dependent. We still need to know what happened after the curtain rose.

Reasoning: Find the subject and verb, then check the opening word. 'After' connects this event to a main event that the note has not yet supplied.

2. After the curtain rose, Mina bowed.

Reasoning: The main clause 'Mina bowed' finishes the thought. A comma separates the opening dependent clause from that main clause.

3. The cardboard moon hung above the stage.

Reasoning: The original names a thing and its location but lacks a verb. This possible repair adds 'hung' to state what the moon did.

4. Yes. It is a command with the understood subject 'you.'

Reasoning: The verb 'hold' directs a crew member to act. The command does not need to spell out 'you' to be complete.

5. 'Mina' is the subject and 'bowed' is the verb, so the two words express a complete thought.

Reasoning: Count the sentence parts, not the words. The sentence tells who acted and what she did without leaving a dependent thought unfinished.

6. The puppet waved to the audience. Subject: the puppet. Verb: waved.

Reasoning: This possible note identifies an actor and an action and can stand alone. Other invented puppet actions are valid if they also form complete thoughts.