

Be a Sentence Mechanic

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Apostrophe ‘

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Quotation Marks



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by Louisa May Alcott

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I dont think its fair for some girls to have plenty of pretty things and other girls nothing at all added little Amy with an injured sniff

Weve got Father and Mother and each other said Beth contentedly from her corner

The four young faces on which the firelight shone brightened at the cheerful words but darkened again as Jo said sadly We havent got Father and shall not have him for a long time She didnt say perhaps never but each silently added it thinking of Father far away where the fighting was

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While I was young I lived upon my mothers milk as I could not eat grass In the daytime I ran by her side and at night I lay down close by her When it was hot we used to stand by the pond in the shade of the trees and when it was cold we had a nice warm shed near the grove

As soon as I was old enough to eat grass my mother used to go out to work in the daytime and come back in the evening

There were six young colts in the meadow besides me They were older than I was some were nearly as large as grown up horses I used to run with them and had great fun we used to gallop all together round and round the field as hard as we could go Sometimes we had rather rough play for they would frequently bite and kick as well as gallop

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by Oscar Wilde

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One day the Giant came back He had been to visit his friend the Cornish ogre and had stayed with him for seven years When he arrived he saw the children playing in the garden

What are you doing here he cried in a very gruff voice and the children ran away

My own garden is my own garden said the Giant Anyone can understand that and I will allow nobody to play in it but myself So he built a high wall all round it and put up a notice board

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Hullo Rat said the Mole

Would you like to come over enquired the Rat presently

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Man he snapped A mans cub Look

Directly in front of him holding on by a low branch stood a naked brown baby who could just walk as soft and as dimpled a little atom as ever came to a wolfs cave at night He looked up into Father Wolfs face and laughed

Is that a mans cub said Mother Wolf I have never seen one Bring it here

A wolf accustomed to moving his own cubs can if necessary mouth an egg without breaking it and though Father Wolfs jaws closed right on the childs back not a tooth even scratched the skin as he laid it down among the cubs

How little How naked and how bold said Mother Wolf softly The baby was pushing his way between the cubs to get close to the warm hide Ah He is taking his meal with the others And so this is a mans cub Now was there ever a wolf that could boast of a mans cub among her children

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Jack and the Beanstalk

Folk Tale

Once upon a time there was a poor widow who had an only son named Jack and a cow named Milky White And all they had to live on was the milk the cow gave every morning which they carried to the market and sold But one morning Milky White gave no milk and they didn't know what to do

What shall we do What shall we do said the widow wringing her hands

Cheer up mother Ill go and get work somewhere said Jack

Weve tried that before and nobody would take you said his mother We must sell Milky White and with the money start a shop

All right mother said Jack Its market day today and Ill soon sell Milky White and then well see what we can do So he took the cows halter in his hand and off he started He hadnt gone far when he met a funny looking old man

Oh you look the proper sort of chap to sell cows said the man I wonder if you know how many beans make five

Two in each hand and one in your mouth said Jack as sharp as a needle

And here they are the very beans themselves he went on pulling out of his pocket a number of strange looking beans I dont mind doing a swap with you Your cow for these beans he said

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Look at me said Bagheera And Mowgli looked at him steadily between the eyes
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That is why he said shifting his paw on the leaves Not even I can look you
between the eyes and I was born among men and I love you Little Brother The
others they hate you because their eyes cannot meet yours because you are wise
because you have pulled out thorns from their feet because you are a man

I did not know these things said Mowgli sullenly and he frowned under his
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What is the Law of the Jungle Strike first and then give tongue But be wise
said Bagheera leaping up Go down quickly to the mens huts in the valley and take
some of the Red Flower which they grow there so that when the time comes you
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He felt that it was tall and stately when it came beside him and that its mysterious presence filled him with a solemn dread He knew no more for the Spirit neither spoke nor moved

I am in the presence of the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come said Scrooge

The Spirit answered not but pointed onward with its hand

You are about to show me shadows of the things that have not happened but will happen in the time before us Scrooge pursued Is that so Spirit

The upper portion of the garment was contracted for an instant in its folds as if the Spirit had inclined its head That was the only answer he received

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by Aesop

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The mouse said You made fun of the idea of my ever being able to help you But now you know that it is possible for even a lion to be helped by a mouse

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“We’ve got Father and Mother, and each other,” said Beth contentedly from her corner.

The four young faces on which the firelight shone brightened at the cheerful words, but darkened again as Jo said sadly, “We haven’t got Father, and shall not have him for a long time.” She didn’t say “perhaps never,” but each silently added it, thinking of Father far away, where the fighting was.

Nobody spoke for a minute; then Meg said in an altered tone, “You know the reason Mother proposed not having any presents this Christmas was because it is going to be a hard winter for everyone; and she thinks we ought not to spend money for pleasure, when our men are suffering so in the army. We can’t do much, but we can make our little sacrifices, and ought to do it gladly. But I am afraid I don’t,” and Meg shook her head, as she thought regretfully of all the pretty things she wanted.

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As soon as I was old enough to eat grass my mother used to go out to work in the daytime, and come back in the evening.

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"What are you doing here?" he cried in a very gruff voice, and the children ran away.

"My own garden is my own garden," said the Giant. "Anyone can understand that and I will allow nobody to play in it but myself." So he built a high wall all round it and put up a notice board:

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Then the two animals stood and regarded each other cautiously.

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"What shall we do? What shall we do?" said the widow, wringing her hands.

"Cheer up, mother. I'll go and get work somewhere," said Jack.

"We've tried that before and nobody would take you," said his mother. "We must sell Milky White, and with the money start a shop."

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"Oh you look the proper sort of chap to sell cows," said the man. "I wonder if you know how many beans make five?"

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