

# Editor in Chief

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Grade

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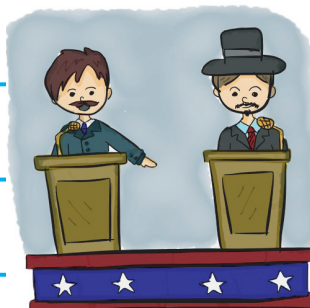
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# SEQUENCING

Earl cut and pasted the points in his article out of sequence. Can you put them back in order?

**Directions:** Cut along the dotted lines. Rearrange the strips so that the article makes sense. Glue the strips down to the paper.



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2

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4

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6

I tried so many different types of baked goods that the staff had to practically roll me out of there when I was done, but it was well worth it.

Not only did I find amazing desserts at Delicious Treats, I found great customer service as well. The staff was friendly, helpful, and gave out samples freely.

I highly recommend that you try out Delicious Treats. Whether you decide to eat in their bakery, or take it to go, you won't be disappointed.

Foodies, are you ready for another great place to grab dessert? I searched high and low for the perfect chocolate chip cookie, and I think I finally found it.

Besides the great food and great service, Delicious Treats is also unique because all of their ingredients are organic and come from local companies.

In my search for the perfect cookie, I asked many people who they thought sold the perfect morsel. The name Delicious Treats on 4th Ave., kept coming up, so I went down to check it out for myself.

# WHAT'S YOUR EVIDENCE?

Antonio's opinion piece does not have enough supporting evidence. Can you help him?

**DIRECTIONS:** Put an X next to the 3 statements below that best support his opinion.

## UNIFORMS MAKE SCHOOL SAFER



Many public schools are trying to decide if they should require students to wear uniforms. I believe school uniforms should be required to keep children safe, help everyone feel equal, and to increase learning.

### EXAMPLE:

  X   Some symbols, like skulls, on clothing are distracting to other students because they are not appropriate for school.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Colors, symbols, and the way you wear your clothes can affect others around you.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Students should not be allowed to wear ugly clothes to school.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ There are too many rules at school already.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Some students' parents can afford to buy their children designer clothes, while others cannot.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Students who wear shorts too low, or tops too short, can make other students feel uncomfortable, and make it difficult to pay attention to the lesson.

ANSWERS: 1, 4, 5



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4. Ill find her don't worry said the kind man
5. Thank you! Thank you! called out the mother as the firefighter ran into the house



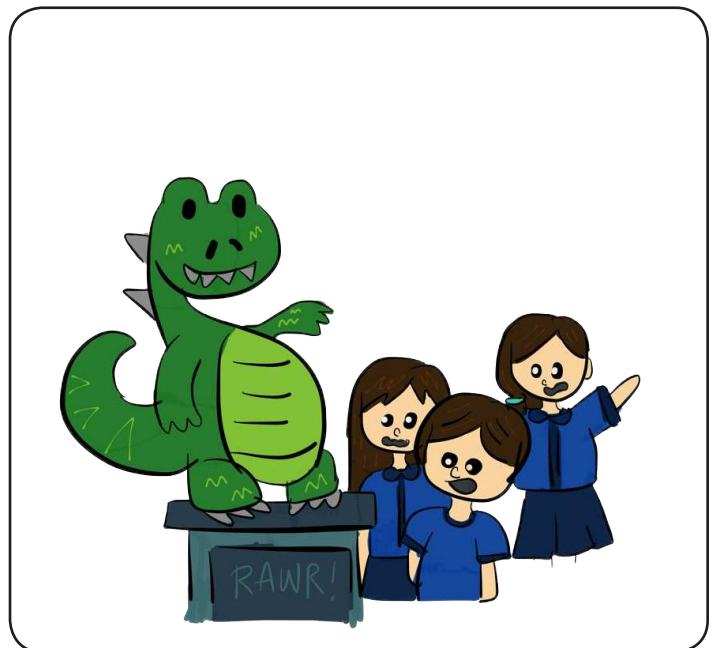
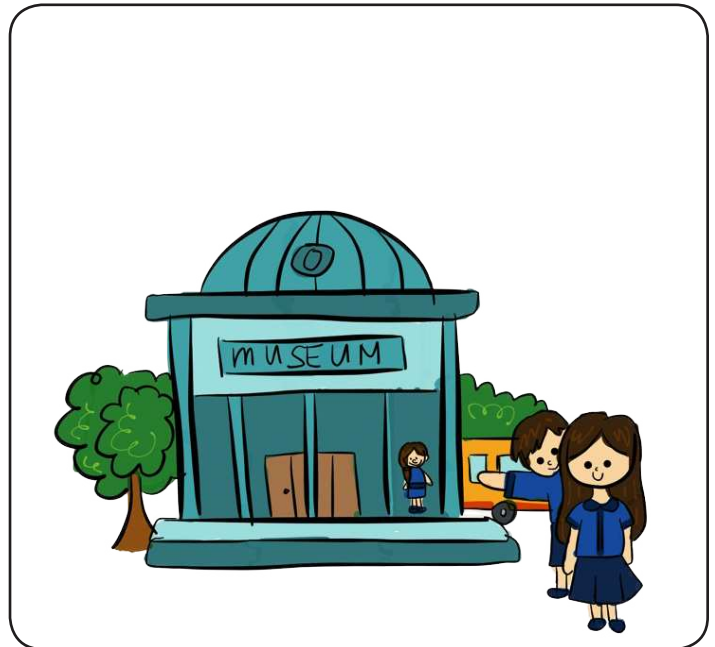
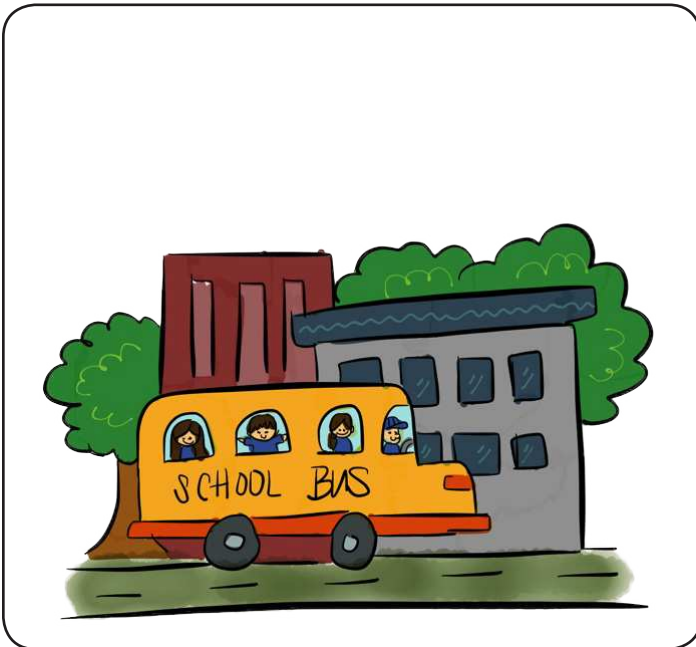
# FUNNIES

## TIM FORGOT TO ADD DIALOGUE IN HIS CARTOON!

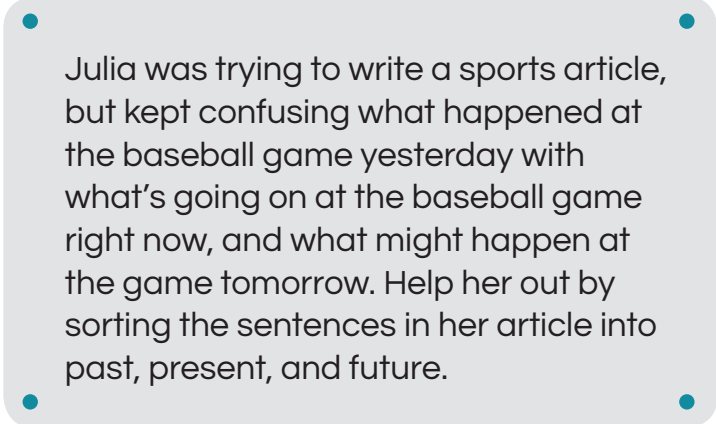
**Directions:** Add dialogue to the cartoons.

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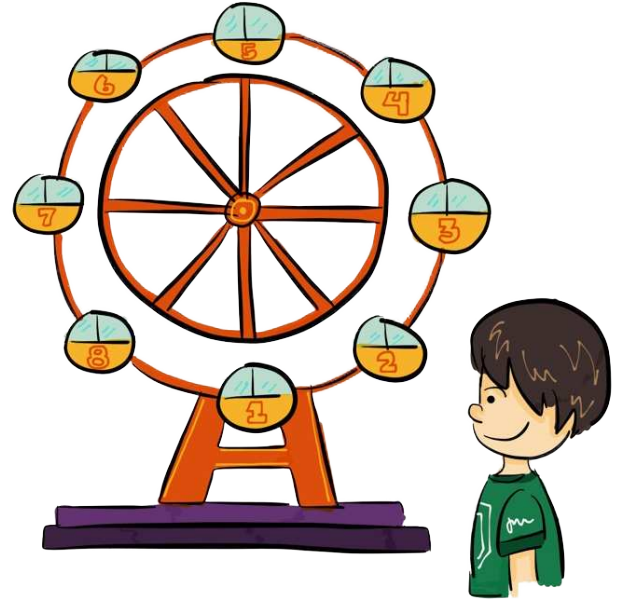
# IS SOMETHING MISSING?

Baban is having a hard time understanding that a complete sentence has a subject and a predicate.

**DIRECTIONS:** Please read through Baban's article about going to the fair, and mark all the complete sentences with a C, and all the incomplete sentences (also called fragments) with an I?

**REMEMBER:** A complete sentence should answer the questions:

- Who is the sentence about?
- What is he doing?



**EXAMPLE:** The child ran across the parking lot. Who? The child. What is he doing? Running across the parking lot. So, "The child ran across the parking lot." is a complete sentence.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ The boy waited in line for fair tickets.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ The people in front of John.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Were waiting patiently for their turn.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ John went right to the Ferris wheel when he got inside the park.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ He jumped into the seat and buckled up.

ANSWERS: 1. C, 2. I, 3. I, 4. C, 5. C

# PERSON

Jesse was asked to write an article from the first person, second person, and third person perspectives. When he was done, he forgot which one was which.

**DIRECTIONS:** Please help Jesse by writing first, second, or third by the correct version of each story.

**REMEMBER:** First person is when a character narrates the story with *I*, *me*, *my*, *mine* in his or her speech.

Second person is when the author uses the words *you* and *your*. S/he is talking directly to the reader.

Third person is when the reader is an outsider that is able to see the thoughts of everyone in the book. Most writers choose this point of view.

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As you walk up the hill, you realize that it's just too quiet. There's no sound from the bird you know is almost always singing from the top of the maple tree. You think you see a shadow move high up on the slope, but when you look again it's gone. You get goose bumps on your arms.

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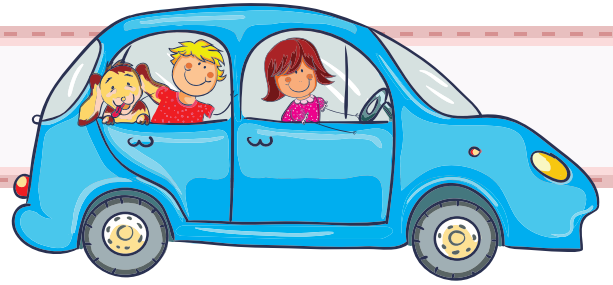
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ANSWERS: 1. second 2. first 3. third

# HOMOPHONES



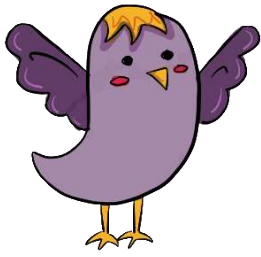
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The newspaper just hired a new writer, and he is having a hard time being descriptive. His sentences are just too short!

**Directions:** Show him how to be a better writer by adding on prepositional phrases to his sentences.

**Remember:** A preposition is a direction word like: on, over, under, around, above, below, etc.

**Example:** I went to the store. → I went to the store **in my brand new car.**

1. The bird flew.

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2. The hawks chased him.

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3. The bird hid.

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4. The little bird decided to find a new home.

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5. He found the perfect spot.

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“i would rather wait in traffic for two hours for a little earthquake than deal with a Big earthquake,” Said julie, one of the unfortunate people stuck in the jam.

# COMBINATIONS



Sarah keeps repeating the same words in her articles. Help her get to the point by combining sentences.

**Directions:** Read the article. Figure out which sentences you can put together to make one sentence. Don't be afraid to take out words you don't need. Rewrite the paragraph below with the new, combined sentences.

Housing boom! The city is building 300 new houses in Charleston. The houses will be two story. The people of Charleston are really excited. The people of Charleston are really looking forward to more people moving in.

"We think the new people will bring business to our town. We think the new people will bring new ideas to our town," said Mrs. Swanson, resident of Charleston.

The housing development is expected to be done within two years. Those interested in buying a house can start picking out their property. Those interested in buying a house can decide what style of house they'd like.

Contact your realtor if you are interested in purchasing a new house.

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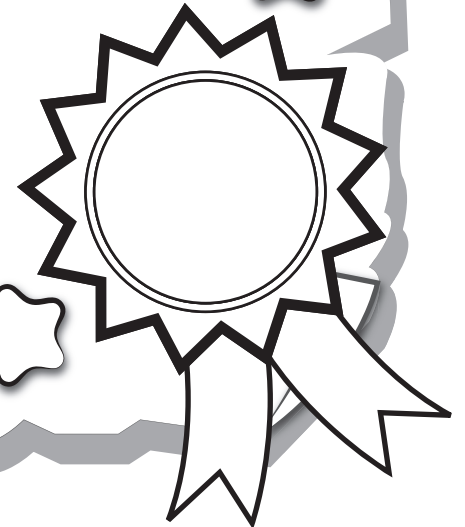
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| 3. <u>answer</u>       | 8. <u>informed</u>  |
| 4. <u>decide</u>       | 9. <u>duty</u>      |
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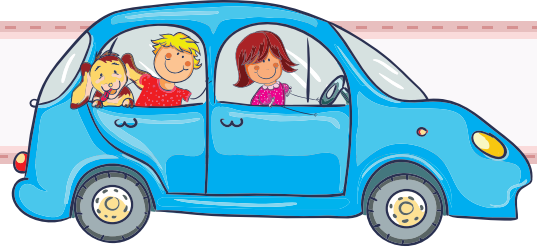
Julia was trying to write a sports article, but kept confusing what happened at the baseball game yesterday with what's going on at the baseball game right now, and what might happen at the game tomorrow. Help her out by sorting the sentences in her article into past, present, and future.

**Directions:** Cut out the sentences at the bottom of the paper. Glue them into the column they belong in: past, present, and future.

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
<p>The Padres won the game with a final score of 5-0.</p> <p>The pinch runner tore his calf muscle yesterday when he ran around third base.</p>	<p>The best hitter on the team is coming up to bat.</p> <p>Steve Pages is rounding third, and it looks like he might make it to home!</p>	<p>Experts say that Brian Thompson will hit four home runs against the Orioles tomorrow.</p> <p>The game will start at 6:00 p.m.</p>

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