

# Sentence Builders



## Writing and identifying sentences with different structures

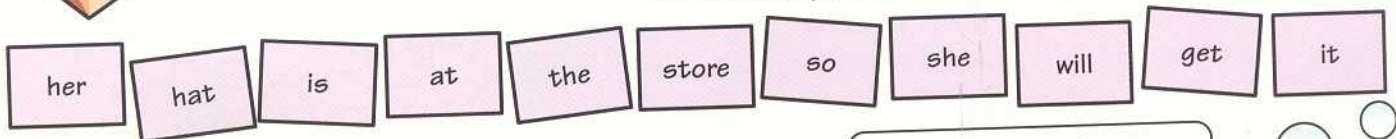
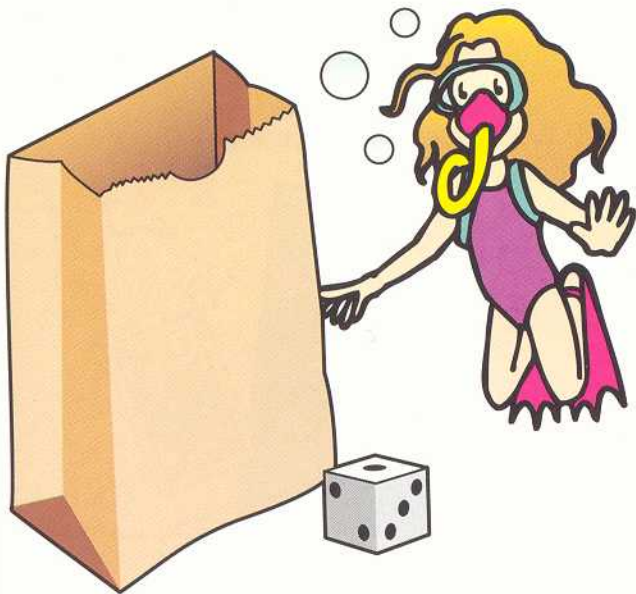
Help students build their sentence skills with this nifty small-group game. First, have each group of three students cut 72 slips of paper. Give the group a copy of the word box below and a paper lunch bag. Then have students write one word on each slip and place the slips in the bag. When the bags are ready, give each group a die and go over the game rules that follow.

**Game Rules:** Player 1 rolls the die, draws that number of cards from the bag, and tries to form a sentence. If he can't he keeps his cards, then Player 2 takes a turn. Play continues in this manner

until a player can form a sentence with his cards (not all cards have to be used). The player shares the sentence and announces the sentence structure. If the group members agree that the sentence is complete and generally makes sense, and that the structure given is correct, the player records the following score on his paper:

- Simple sentence = 1 point
- Compound sentence = 5 points
- Complex sentence = 8 points

If any part of the answer is incorrect or the sentence is incomplete, the player earns no points. After the score is recorded, the player returns the cards to the bag and tries to make a new sentence on his next turns. Play continues until time runs out or a player scores 12 or more points.



This is a compound sentence.  
That's worth five points!

### WORD BOX

said	he	go	am	for	sees
hat	she	were	truck	the	him
his	you	have	clothes	that	her
her	we	to	car	home	thought
and	it	from	flowers	and	of
but	was	at	walk	people	about
or	is	when	runs	some	cookies
get	can	a/an	ran	me	airplane
although	be	where	store	makes	us
since	will	what	school	because	like
so	take	the	boys	went	bought
I	gives	a/an	tree	can	paper

