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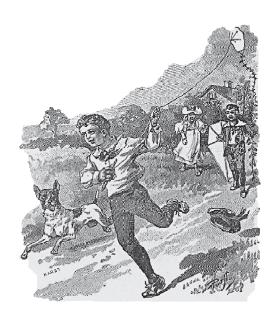
LESSON 1

STATEMENTS

There are three children in the picture. They live in the house beyond the trees. The larger boy is flying his kite. His dog is enjoying the sport

Tell something about the kite.
Tell something about the larger boy's hat. Tell something about the smaller boy.

State something more about the dog.



A group of words which tells or states something is called a Statement. Does the first word of each statement begin with a capital, or a small letter? A mark like the one placed at the end of each statement (.) is called a Period. Every statement should begin with a capital, and end with a period.

QUESTIONS

How many children are there in the picture?
Where do you think the children live?
What is the larger boy doing?
Is the dog enjoying the sport?

Ask something about the smaller boy and the little girl. Ask something about the kite, the string, and the larger boy.

A group of words which asks something is called a QUESTION.

With what kind of letter does the first word of each question begin?

A mark like the one placed at the end of each question (?) is called a Question Mark.

Every question should begin with a capital, and end with a question mark.

Answer the following questions. Make full statements for answers:

QUESTION — What name will you give the larger boy? MAKE UP AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION. — We will call the larger boy Charles.

- 1. What will you call the smaller boy?
- 2. What is the little girl's name?
- 3. Shall we name the dog Carlo?
- 4. Why does Charles hold the string?
- 5. Why does he run so fast?
- 6. Is the wind blowing very hard?
- 7. Is the brother flying his kite?
- 8. Has Charles lost his hat?
- 9. Will he ask his dog Carlo to pick it up?
- 10. Shall we call the sister Mary?
- 11. What is pretty little Mary doing?

A PICTURE STORY (oral or written)

(See the picture on page 1.)

1. Read the following, filling the blanks—

FLYING KITES

Two brothers,	and	, have
come out into the	to fly	their
has already made	de his kite	The
is not blowing _		_ hard, so he holds
the and		
hopes that the wind will		narder, for then
his will go much	າ	I wonder why
is not		
forto get out o	of the	? Perhaps
his is not made	right.	
How Carlo is enjoying	the	! See how he
and	_! By and	by will
send for his	,	,
Mary is not as old as _		or
She is a little _		_, and her
like to have	\	with them. They
will think of some		

2. Tell the story in your own words.

MEMORY SELECTION

LITTLES MAKE THE GREAT

Little rills make wider streamlets; Streamlets swell the river's flow; Rivers join the ocean billows, Onward, onward, as they go.

Life is made of smallest fragments, Shade and sunshine, work and play: So may we, with greatest profit, Learn a little every day.

Tiny seeds make boundless harvests; Drops of rain compose the showers; Seconds make the flying minutes, And the minutes make the hours.

Let us hasten, then, and catch them As they pass us on the way; And with honest, true endeavor, Learn a little every day.

Before committing the selection to memory, read it over very carefully. If you find any new words, ask their meaning.

With what kind of letter does the first word of each line begin?

The first word of every line of poetry should begin with a capital.

WRITTEN EXERCISES

1.	Copy	the following:
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1. The wind is blowing.

2. We can fly our kites.

3. Shall we go into the field?

4. Mary may go with us.

5. Is Carlo sure to follow?

2. Study the following sentences carefully. Be prepared to write 2 to 4 sentences from dictation.

Are there any words you don't think you know how to spell? Close your eyes and try to spell them.

Do you remember what each sentence should begin with? Should end with?

Why do some sentences have questions marks and others do not?

Do you remember how to write a particular or proper noun?

When you are ready to write the sentences from dictation go to the next page.

(Younger students should write fewer sentences. Older students should write more.)

- 1. A wise man made a kite of silk.
- 2. He tied an iron key to the silk kite.
- 3. He sent the kite up into a cloud.
- 4. Some lightning came down the string.
- 5. The wise man was Benjamin Franklin.
- 6. Of what are kites usually made?
- 7. What kind of string is best for a kite?
- 8. Have you ever made a kite?

Write from dictation: (See Appendix Lesson 5)		

Which of the above are statements? Which are questions? With what kind of letter does the first word of each statement and question begin? Which are finished with a period? When is the question mark used?

COMMANDS AND EXCLAMATIONS

You have used words to make statements and to ask questions. In this lesson you will learn of two new groups of words.



COMMANDS

Study the picture carefully.
Give each child a name.
Observe what each is doing.
Read the name on the boat.

With what kind of letter does the first word of each command begin?

What mark is placed at the end of each command?

Every command should begin with a capital, and end with a period.