

# Punctuation

## Booster 1: Complete sentences

### Key learning

A sentence must:

- contain a **verb**
- make complete sense on its own.

A verb is a doing, being or action word. For example, to jump, to be, to live, to buy, to rain, to eat, to believe.

Some examples of complete sentences are:

It **was** raining this morning.

**Is** it still raining?

It's been raining all day!

Sam **bought** a cake yesterday.

Did Sam **buy** a cake yesterday?

Sam **has eaten** all the cake!

### Worked example:

Decide whether each item is a complete sentence and complete the table.

	Does it make complete sense?	Is there a verb?	Is it a complete sentence?
Sam bought yesterday afternoon.			
Sam is going to buy more cake tomorrow.			
Then more cake at the weekend.			
There was heavy rain last night.			
Very windy and heavy rain across Ireland.			

### Answers:

	Does it make complete sense?	Is there a verb?	Is it a complete sentence?
Sam bought yesterday afternoon.	no	yes (bought)	x
Sam is going to buy more cake tomorrow.	yes	yes (buy)	✓
Then more cake at the weekend.	no	no	x
There was heavy rain last night.	yes	yes (was)	✓
Very windy and heavy rain across Ireland.	no	no	x

## Your turn:

Rewrite the sentences below under the heading of UK Weather Forecast so they make complete sense. Add extra words and punctuation where you need to. Underline the verb in each new sentence.

- (a) Now sunny with rain later.
- (b) Showery rain spreading south tonight.
- (c) Raining later in northern Scotland. Not in the rest of the UK.
- (d) Tomorrow sunny with a moderate breeze.