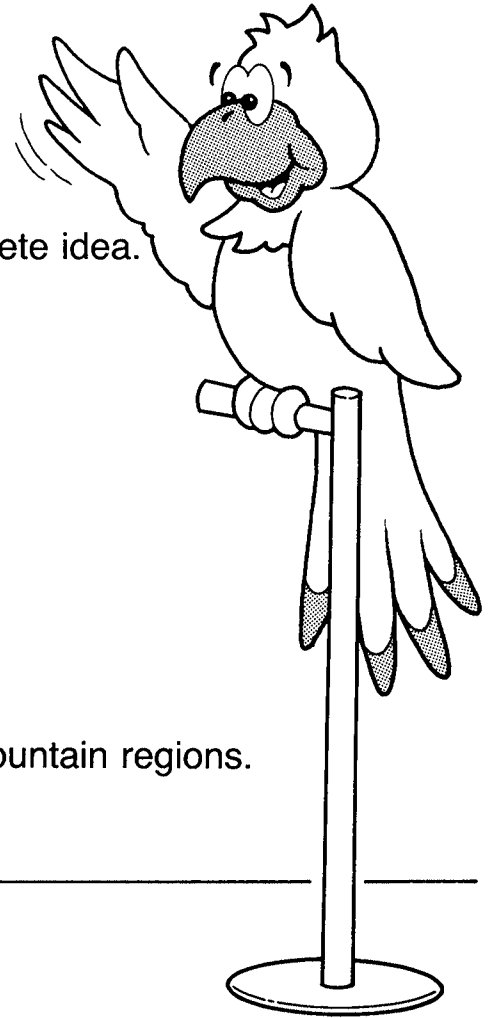


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Polly's pointer:

**A sentence tells a complete idea.**



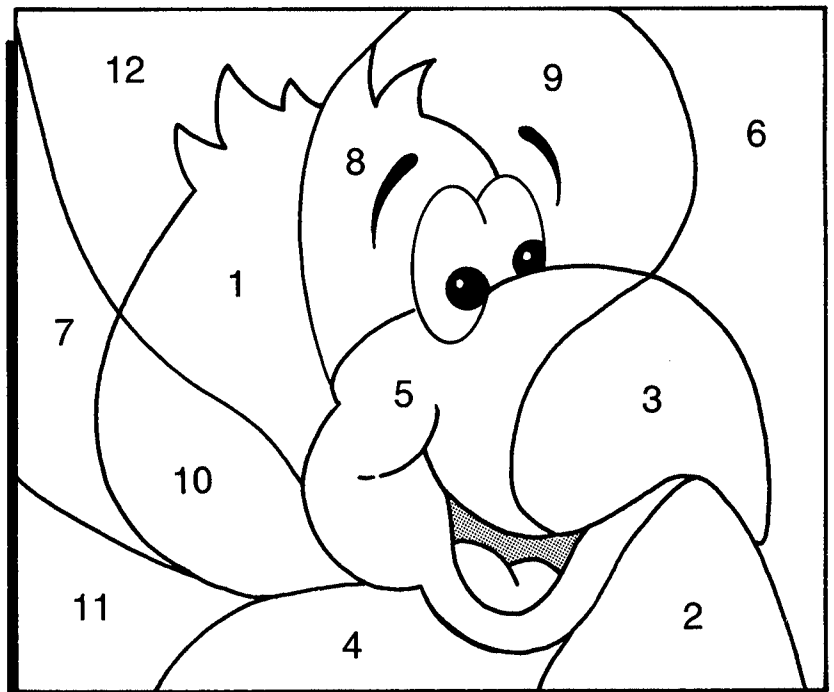
Circle the numeral if the group of words tells a complete idea.

1. Polly is a kind of parrot.
2. a scarlet macaw
3. Macaws live in Central and South America.
4. largest of the parrots
5. Most macaws have brightly colored feathers.
6. long, pointed tails
7. over 300 species of parrots
8. Parrots usually live in forests of both lowland and mountain regions.
9. thick, hooked bills
10. Parrots eat fruit, nuts, and seeds.
11. lay round, white eggs
12. noisy, sociable birds

Color each part of the picture that matches a numeral you circled.

Rewrite sentences 1-6 to make a paragraph about macaws on a separate piece of paper. Give your paragraph a title. You will need to make some groups of words into complete sentences.

Rewrite sentences 7-12 to make a paragraph about parrots on a separate piece of paper. Give your paragraph a title. You will need to make some groups of words into complete sentences.





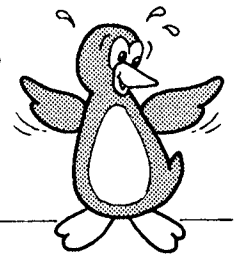
Polly's pointers:

A sentence begins with a **capital letter**.  
A **statement** is a sentence that tells something.  
A statement ends with a **period**.

If the group of words below is a **statement**, use the proofreading mark to make it begin with a capital letter. Put a **period** at the end. Some groups of words are not statements.

1. a bird is an animal with feathers and wings
2. live all over the world
3. all birds hatch from eggs
4. some birds are brightly colored, and others have dull feathers
5. although penguins and ostriches have wings, they cannot fly
6. travel long distances, called migration

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Write a statement about birds.

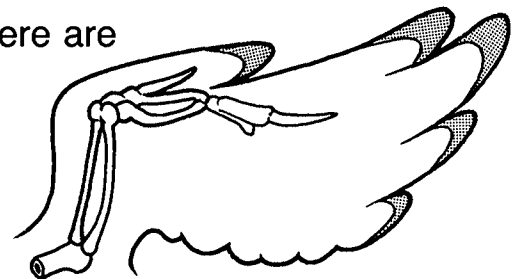
Polly's pointer:

A sentence that asks a **question** ends with a **question mark**.



If the group of words is a **question**, use the proofreading mark to make it begin with a capital letter. Put a **question mark** at the end. Some groups of words are not questions.

1. can you guess how many different kinds of birds there are
2. there are about 9,000 species, or kinds, of birds
3. did you know that the bones of birds are hollow
4. do hollow bones help birds fly more easily
5. where do the most kinds of birds live
6. more birds live in hot, tropical regions than anywhere else in the world



Write a question about birds.



Polly's pointers:

An **exclamatory sentence** is a sentence that shows strong emotion. It ends with an **exclamation mark**. An **exclamation** may be only one or two words showing surprise, pain, or fear.

If the group of words is an **exclamatory sentence** or an **exclamation**, use the proofreading mark to make it begin with a capital letter. Put an **exclamation mark** at the end. Some groups of words are not exclamations.

1. oh, no
2. help
3. your bird bit me
4. i think I'm bleeding
5. can I get parrot fever
6. will you call the doctor

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Write an exclamatory sentence.

Polly's pointers:



A **command** is a sentence that orders or asks someone to do something. It ends with a **period** unless it shows strong feeling. Then use an **exclamation mark** at the end of the **command**.

If the group of words is a **command**, use the proofreading mark to make it begin with a capital letter. Put the correct punctuation mark at the end. Some groups of words are not commands.

1. clean out the bird cage
2. now
3. open the cage door carefully
4. watch out
5. did Polly escape
6. catch her

Write either kind of command.

