

LESSON 2: STATEMENTS

i GRAMMAR SNAPSHOT • WHAT IS A STATEMENT?

- A **statement** is a sentence that tells something. It always ends with a **period (.)**.
- Always begin a statement with a **Capital Letter**, and capitalize all **special names**.

Directions : Copy these statements neatly on the lines below . Be sure to include every capital letter

1. **My name is Charles Jones.**

2. **I am eight years of age.**

3. **I live on Fourth Street.**

4. **I live in the city of Dayton.**

5. **I go to the Third District School.**

6. **Miss Smith is my teacher.**

SELF-CHECK

Did you begin each sentence with a capital letter and put a period (.) at the end of every statement?

Lesson 2: Statements • Teacher Answer Key & Explanatory Guide

ANSWER KEY

Sentence Mechanics, Transcription Analysis, and Formative Assessment Rubric

PEDAGOGICAL OBJECTIVES

- **Declarative Sentence Structure:** Recognize that statements convey factual information and terminate with an end-stop (period).
- **Embedded Proper Nouns:** Identify names of persons (*Charles Jones*), streets (*Fourth Street*), cities (*Dayton*), schools (*Third District School*), and titles (*Miss Smith*).
- **Transcription & Spacing:** Foster neat handwriting, proper finger-spacing between words, and baseline alignment.

CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT

- Common Core ELA-LITERACY:**
- L.1.1.j: Produce and expand complete simple declarative sentences.
 - L.1.2.b: Use end punctuation for sentences (periods).
 - L.1.2.a: Capitalize dates and names of people.

ITEM	MODEL STATEMENT (ACCURATE TRANSCRIPTION)	KEY CAPITALIZATION & PUNCTUATION TARGETS	SCORING / HANDWRITING FOCUS
1	My name is Charles Jones.	Initial My; Proper name Charles Jones; End period.	Ensure both first and surname are capitalized. Check period placement.
2	I am eight years of age.	Pronoun I capitalized; Word form eight; End period.	Check that pronoun I is always uppercase. Verify spelling of eight.
3	I live on Fourth Street.	Pronoun I; Proper street name Fourth Street; End period.	Both Fourth and Street must have capital letters.
4	I live in the city of Dayton.	Pronoun I; Lowercase city; Proper city Dayton; Period.	Note that city is a common noun (lowercase), while Dayton is capitalized.
5	I go to the Third District School.	Pronoun I; Title case Third District School; Period.	All major content words of the institution name must be capitalized.
6	Miss Smith is my teacher.	Honorific title Miss; Surname Smith; Common noun teacher.	Capitalize both title and last name. Ensure teacher is lowercase.

✓ Transcription Rubric (4-Point Scale)

- 4 - Advanced** 100% accurate transcription; flawless capitalization and terminal periods; uniform word spacing.
- 3 - Proficient** Sentences fully legible; 1 minor capitalization or punctuation slip; neat handwriting.
- 2 - Developing** Frequent omissions of periods; inconsistent capitalization of pronoun I or street/city names.
- 1 - Beginning** Struggles with sentence copying; letters run together without spacing; multiple omitted words.

⚠ Common Misconceptions & Teaching Tips

- **The "Vanishing Period":** Young learners frequently focus so hard on spelling that they forget the terminal period. Prompt: "A statement isn't finished until the stop sign (.) is placed!"
- **Pronoun 'I' as lowercase:** Reinforce that the word "I" is always tall and proud like a pillar.
- **Extension Activity:** Have students write 2 original statements about themselves (their own age and their own teacher) following these models.