Questions and Statements: Choose the Ending

Answer and adult support guide.

Questions ask; statements tell

A question asks something and ends with a question mark. A statement tells something and ends with a full stop. Read each sentence for its meaning; punctuation is not chosen from how loudly it is read.

1–2. Where is my scarf? / The boat is blue.

The first sentence asks where something is, so it needs a question mark. The second tells the reader a colour, so it needs a full stop.

3–4. Can you see the moon? / A seed is in the pot.

The first asks for an answer, so it needs a question mark. The second tells where a seed is, so it needs a full stop.

5–6. When does the shop open? / The dog sits by the gate.

The first asks for a time, so it needs a question mark. The second tells what a dog does, so it needs a full stop.

The child’s two original sentences

Accept any clear question and any clear statement. An adult may scribe. Check the meaning and the chosen ending; there is no single prescribed sentence.