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This book is the product of a Project Based Learning (PBL) lesson plan about the sentence, designed for the third grade English class of the UPR Elementary School as part of my teaching practicum, during the second semester of the academic year 2017-2018. This product is meant to be shared with the third grade students from the Luis Muñoz Rivera Elementary School and with the parents.

The driving questions of this PBL were:

- What is a sentence?
- What are the characteristics of a sentence?
- What are the parts of the sentence?
- What are the kinds of sentences?

This PBL lasted seven days. It included an internet search, integrating visual arts, an oral report creative design discussions, a show and tell, and a read-aloud to share the product. Although a seven day PBL lesson plan can seem to be short, it was long enough to give students the opportunity to experience a different learning method. It is very helpful to integrate diverse learning styles, to spark curiosity, and to promote more independent initiatives towards their own learning.

My responsibility as a teacher is not merely teaching memorization of the mechanics of concrete skills, but to spark a learning curiosity that makes the students able to learn on their own, to wonder, to ask themselves and others, to explore, to grow and become who they are meant to be.

If the students leave the classroom with less enthusiasm and less curiosity, I have failed them. I hope this PBL sparked some curiosity in the students towards the process of creating a book and expressing their ideas creatively.

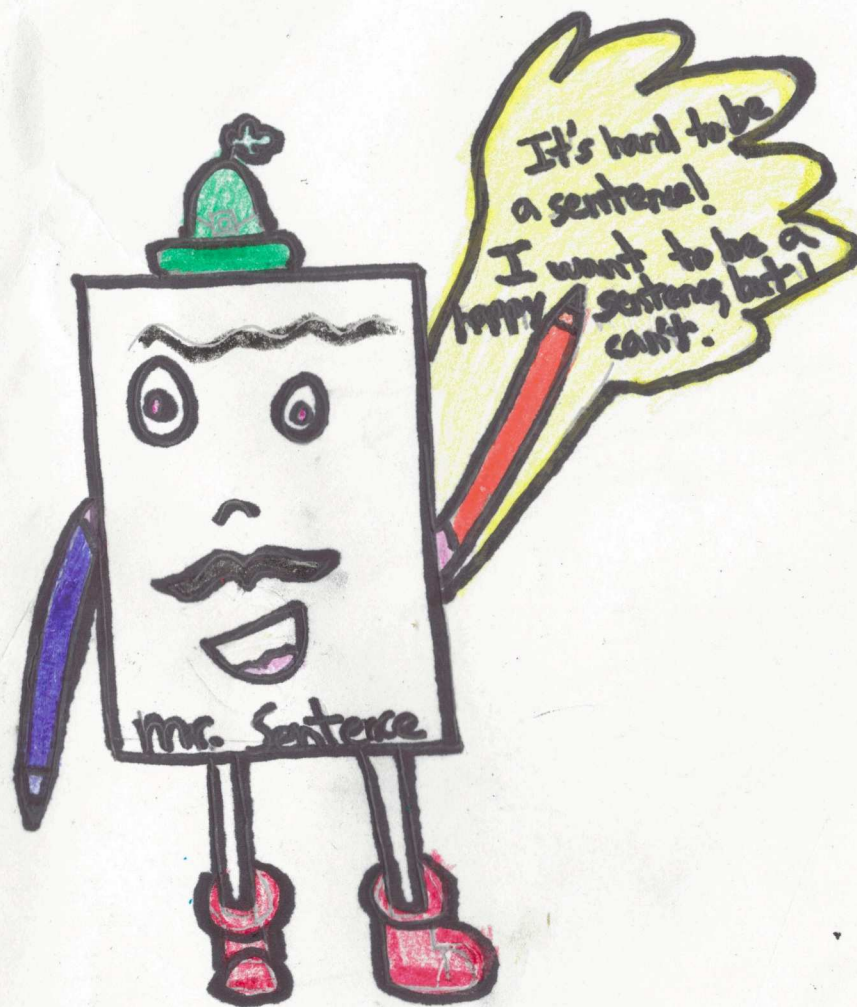
I want to say thank you to my mentor teacher, professor Richard Román, and to my supervisor professor, professor Cristina Guerra, for all their support. I also want to say thank you to all my amazing third grade students and to their parents for making this possible.

Damaris Montes  
Student Teacher



Diego Arroyo Ramos

Hi! I am a sentence.

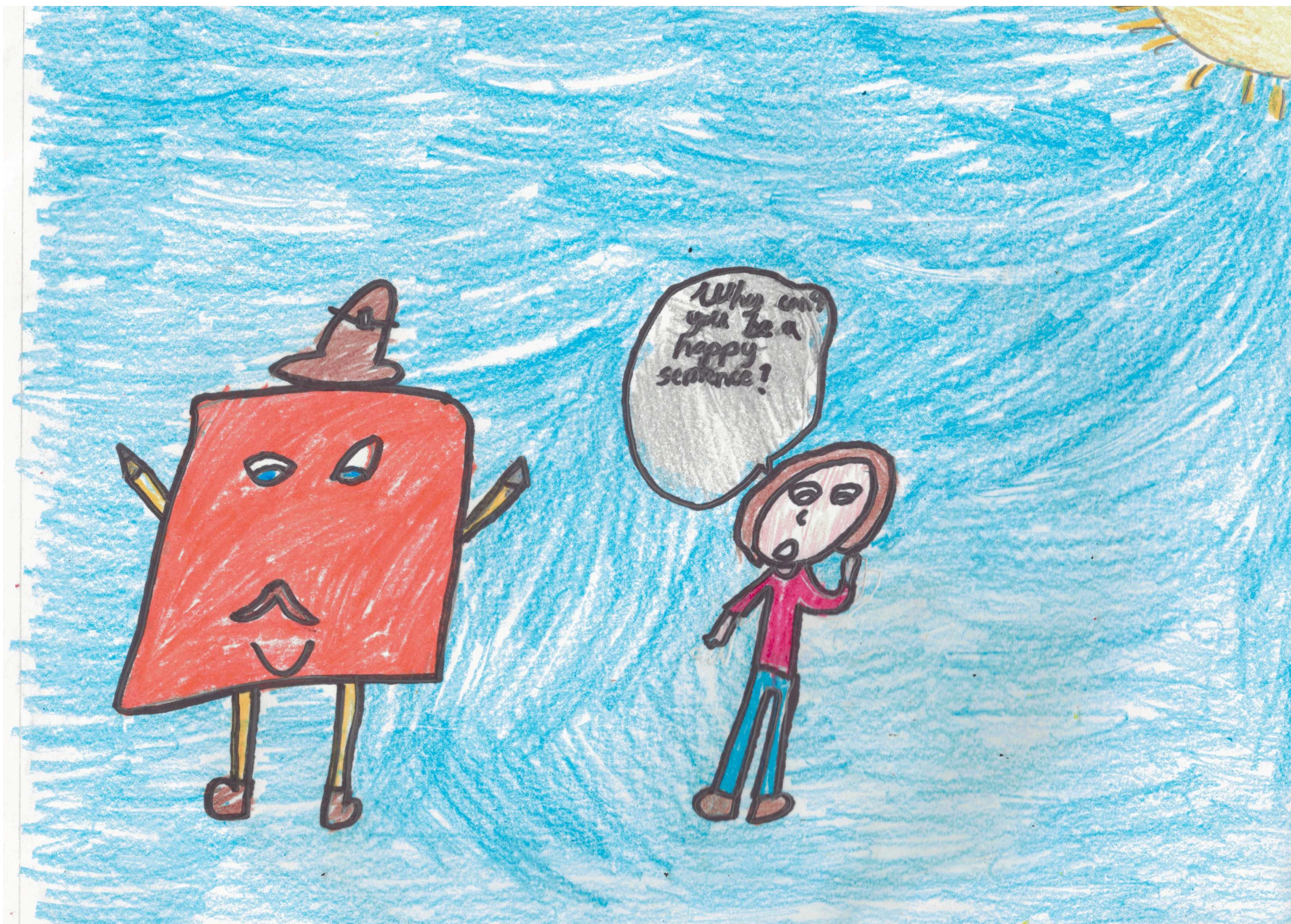


Atabey Luna Aybar Lizardi



It's hard to be a sentence! I want to be a happy sentence, but I can't.

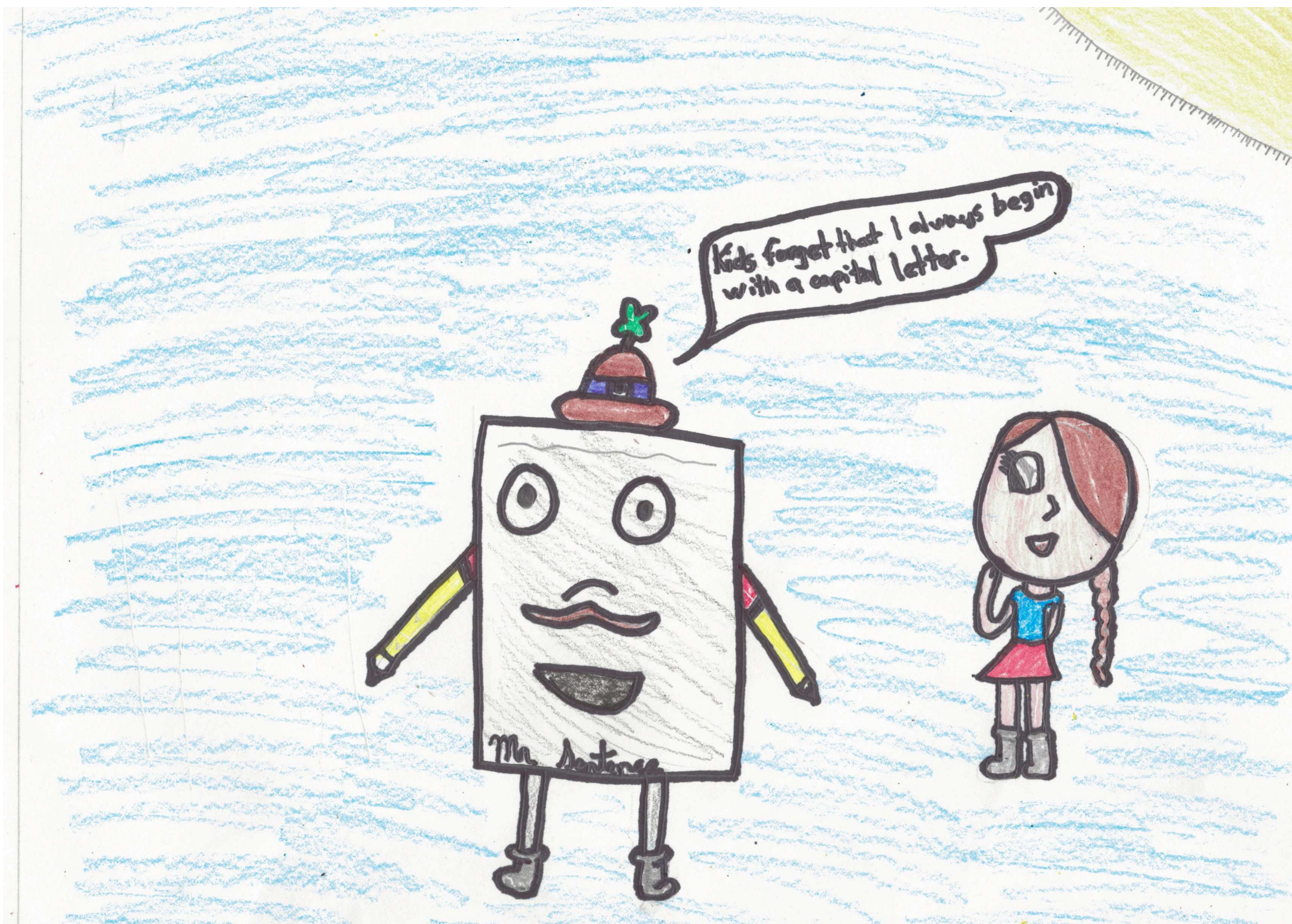




Nailah Berríos Irizarry

Why can't you be a happy sentence?

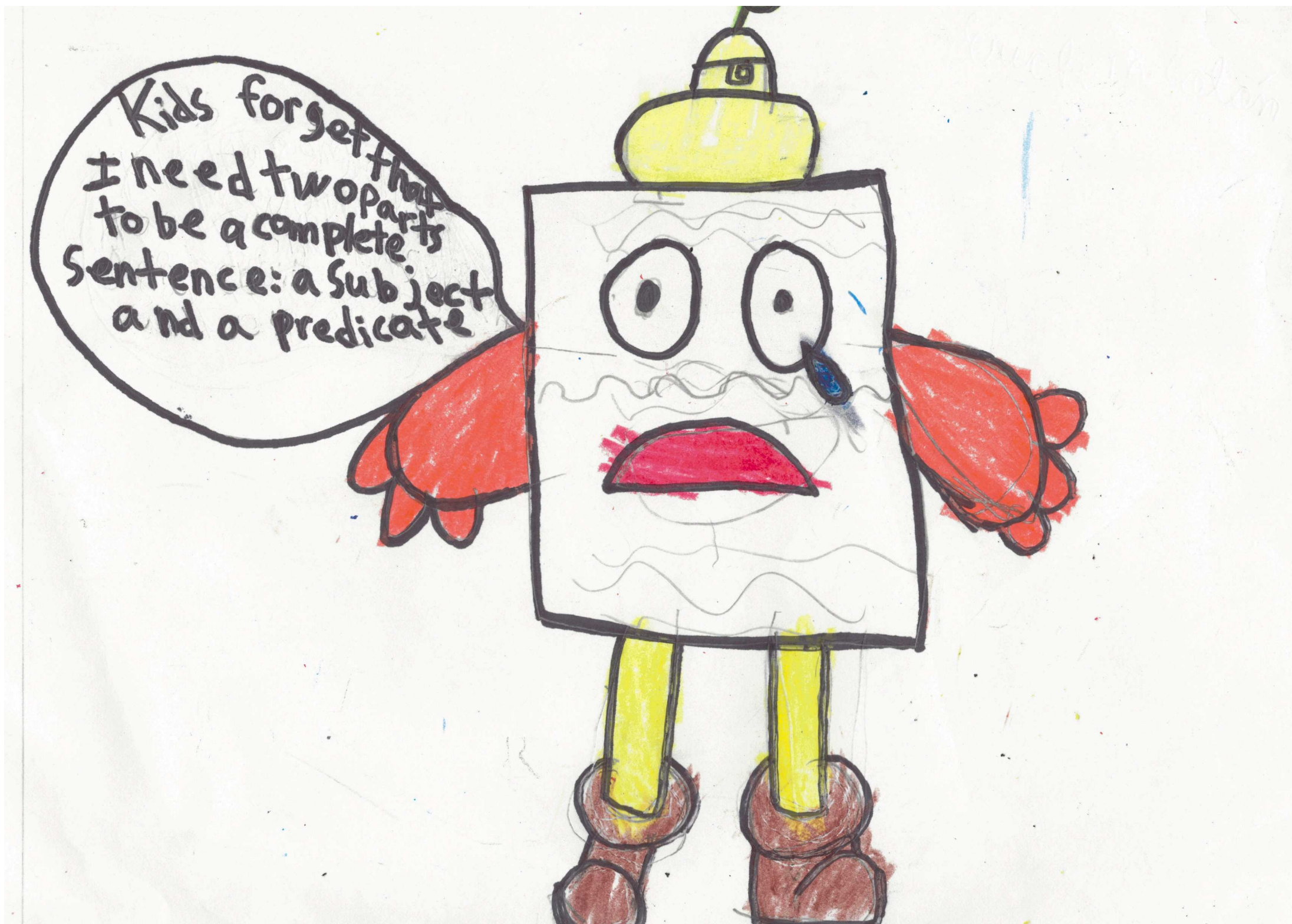




Miranda Cintrón Torres

Kids forget that I always begin with a capital letter.

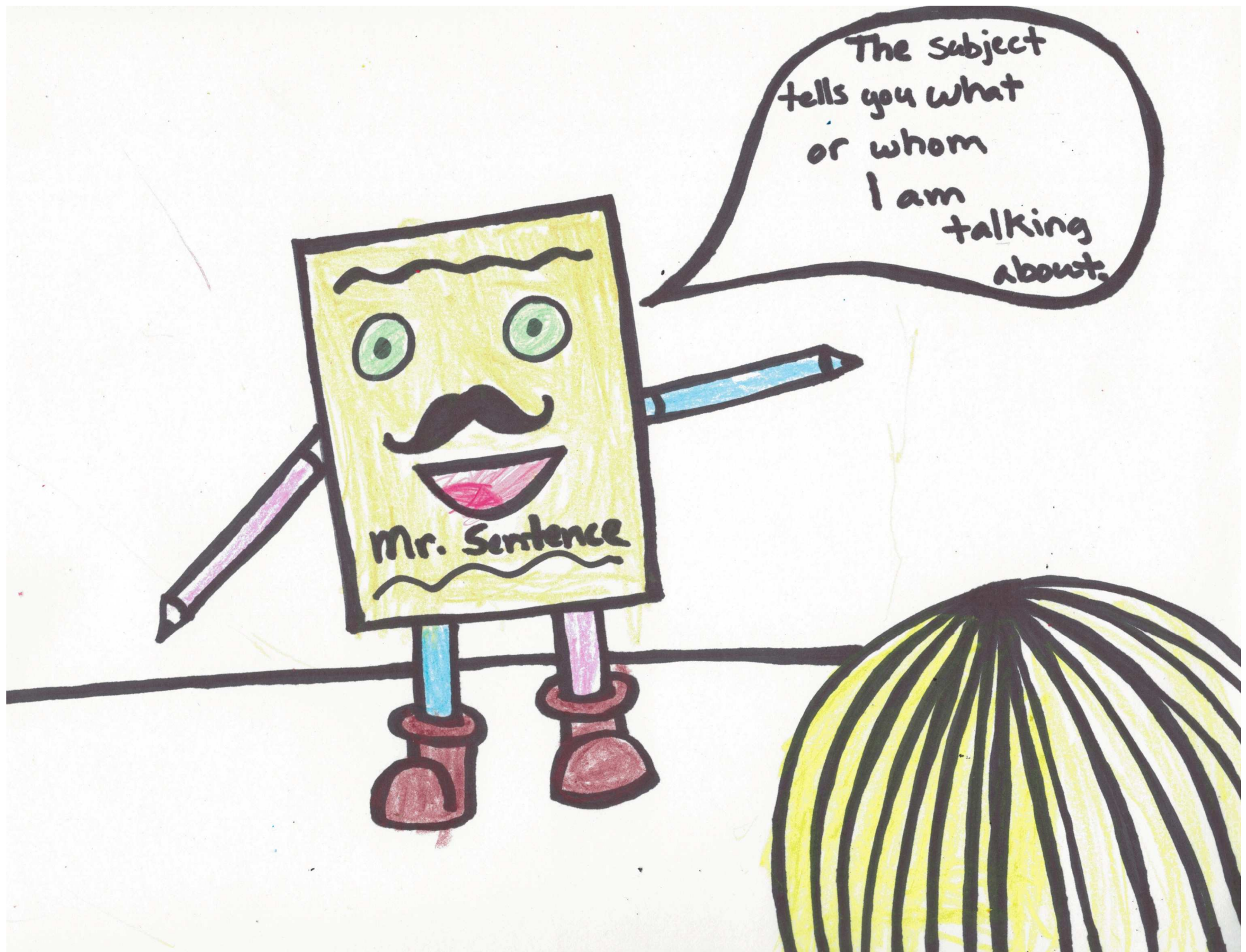




Erick Manuel Colón Rodríguez

Kids forget that I need two parts to be a complete sentence: a subject and a predicate.

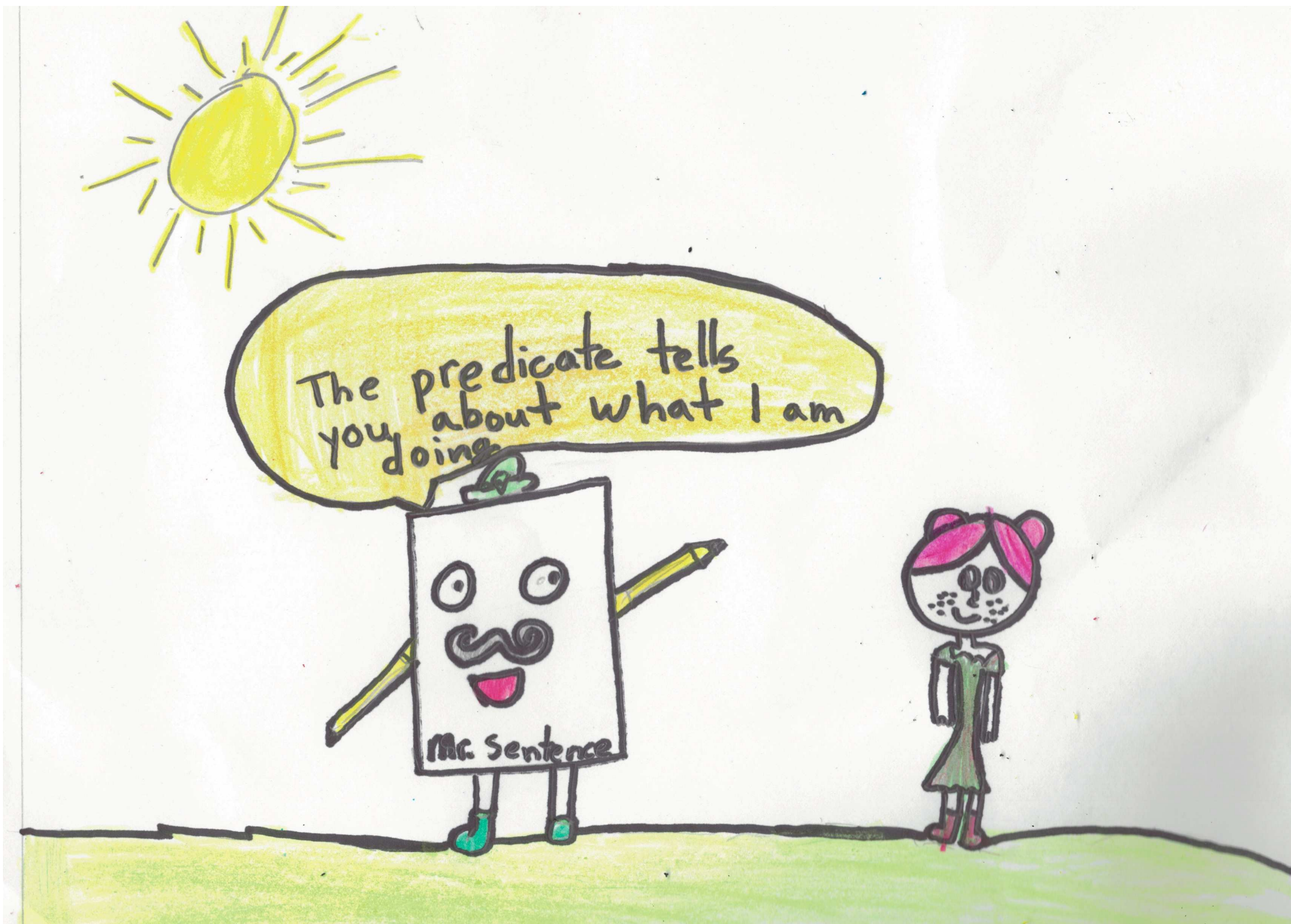




Julio José Luis Díaz Díaz

The subject tells you what or whom  
I am talking about.

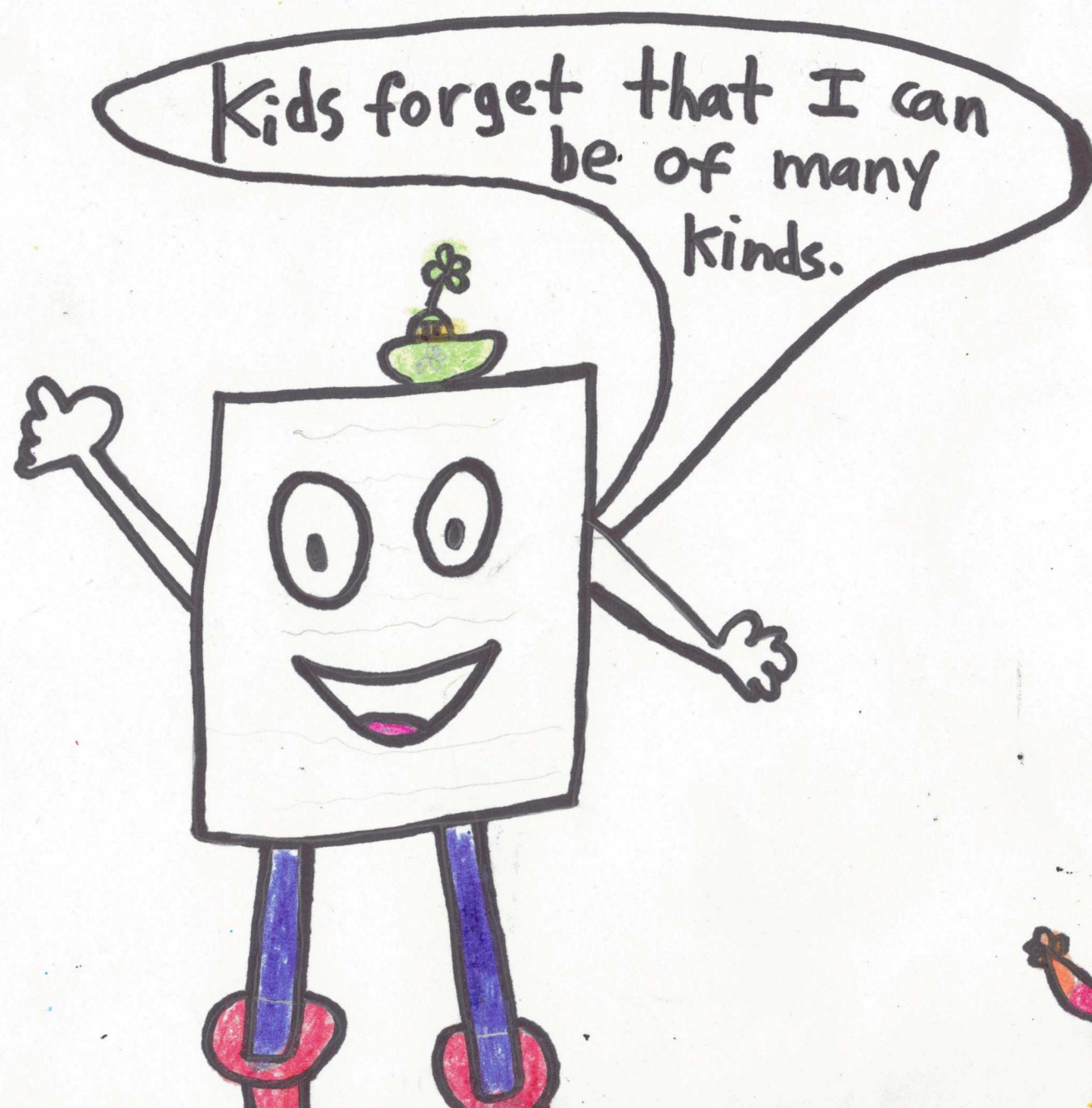




Ariadna Isabel  
Escudero Cuayatto

The predicate tells you about what  
I am doing.





José Ángel Feliciano Meléndez

Kids fortget that I can be of many kinds.





Salomé Flórez Coronel

I can be a declarative sentence, a sentence that makes an statement. If I am a declarative sentence, I end with a period.

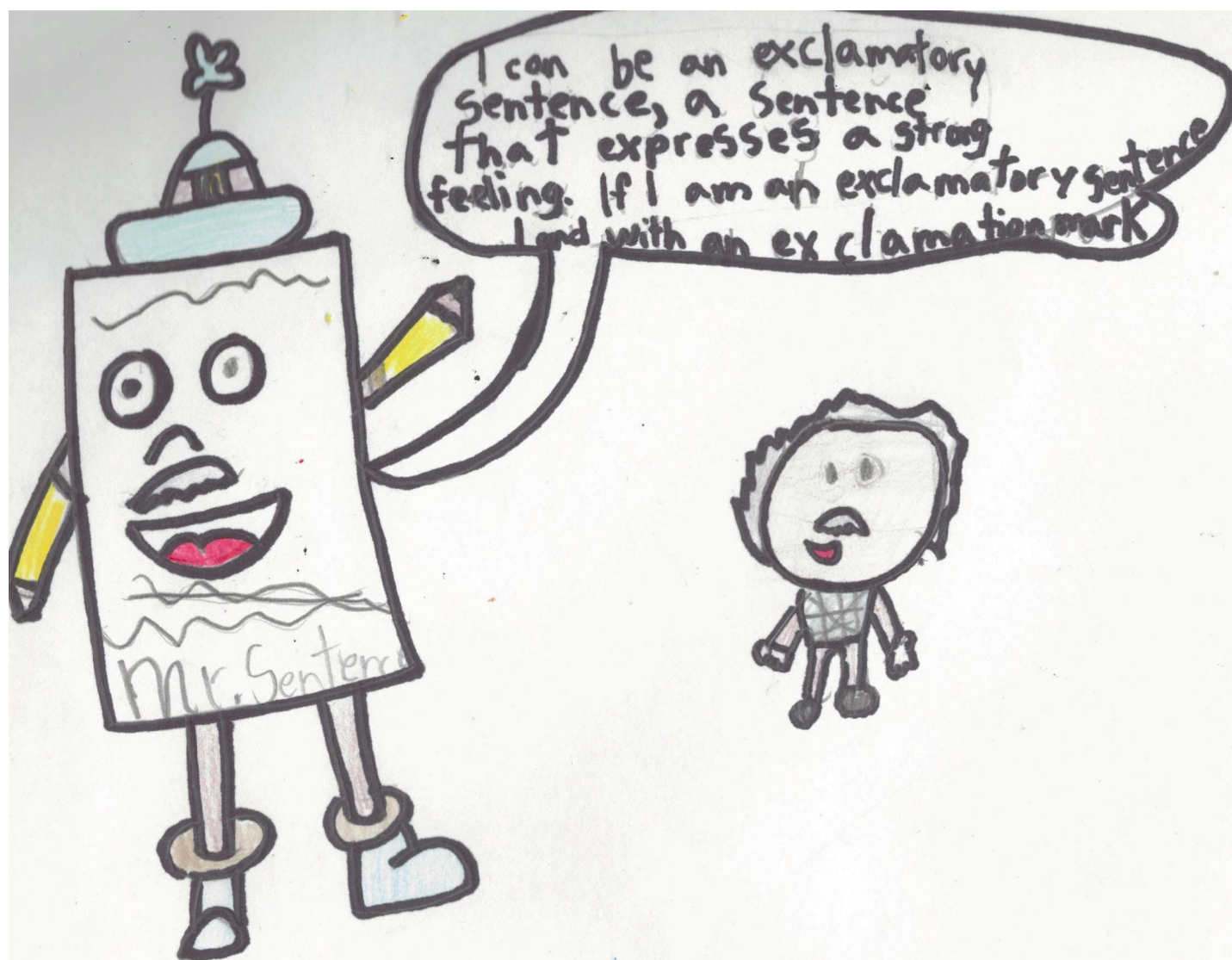




Alondra Isabel Galarza Juarbe

I can be an interrogative sentence, a sentence that asks a question. If I am an interrogative sentence, I end with a question mark.

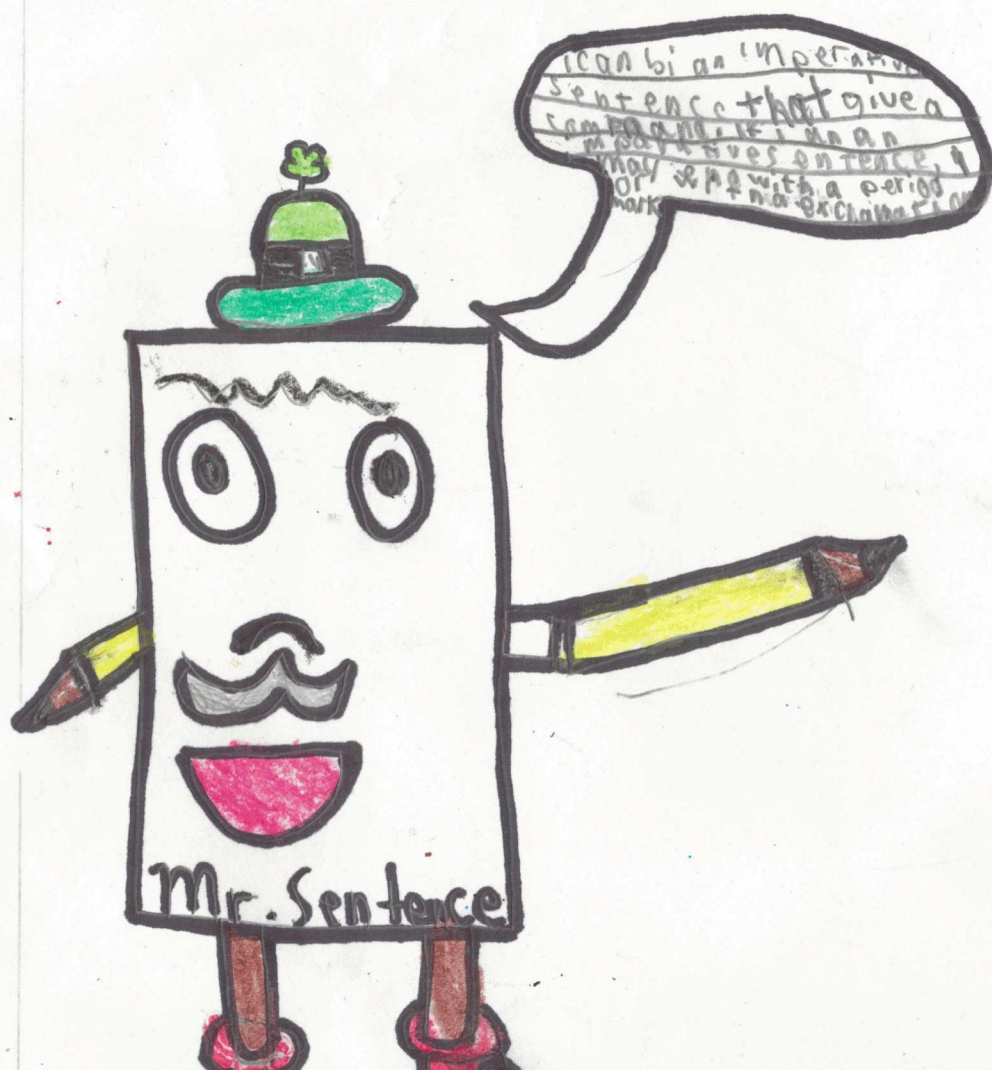




Noah Aleksander Giménez Vale

I can be an exclamatory sentence, a sentence that expresses a strong feeling. If I am an exclamatory sentence, I end with an exclamation mark.





Willbert Ginés Echevarría



I can be an imperative sentence, a sentence that gives a command. If I am an imperative sentence, I may end with a period or with an exclamation mark.

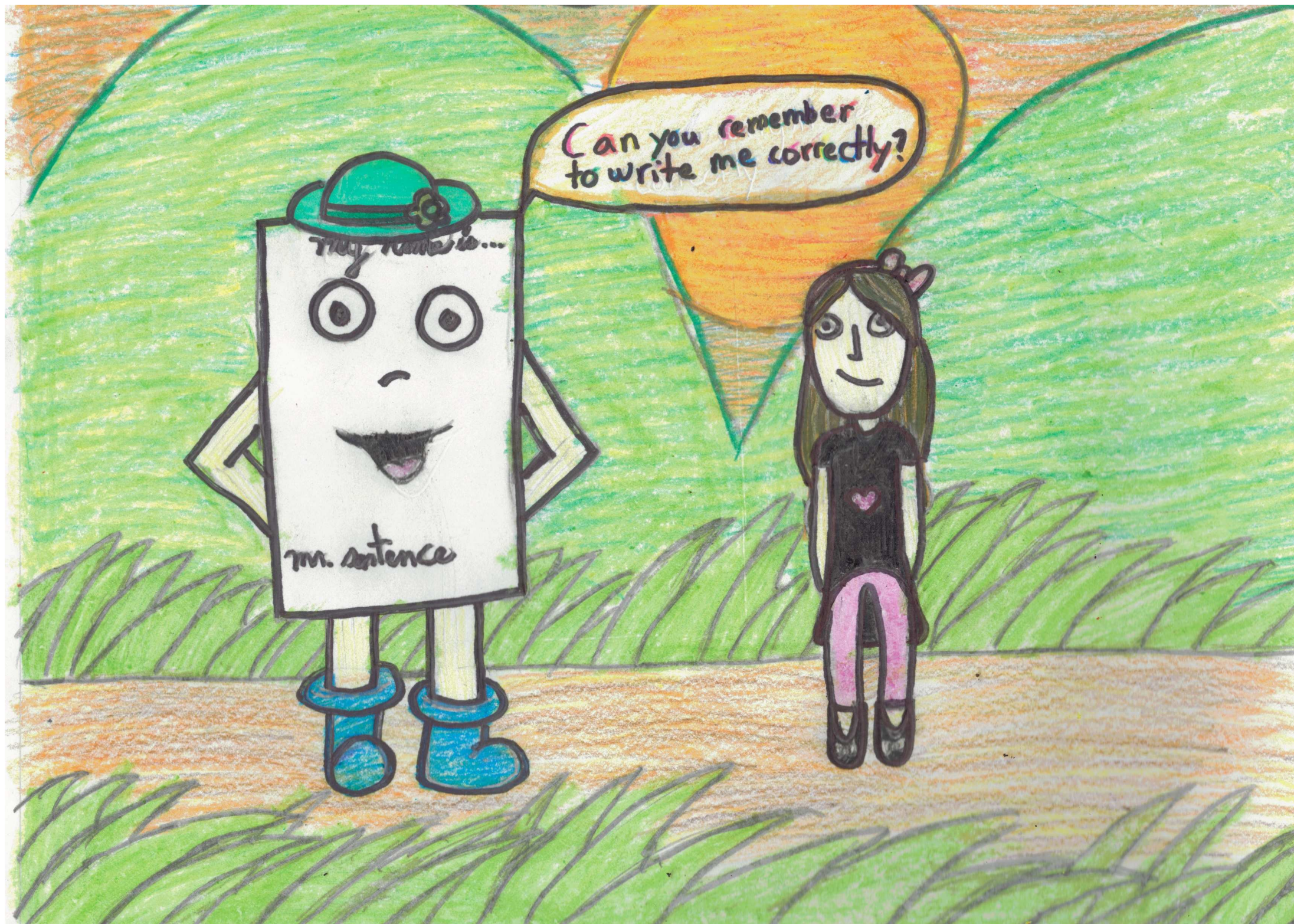


Juan Antonio González Recondo



What can I do to make you happy?





Mía del Mar Medina Díaz

Can you remember to write me  
correctly?

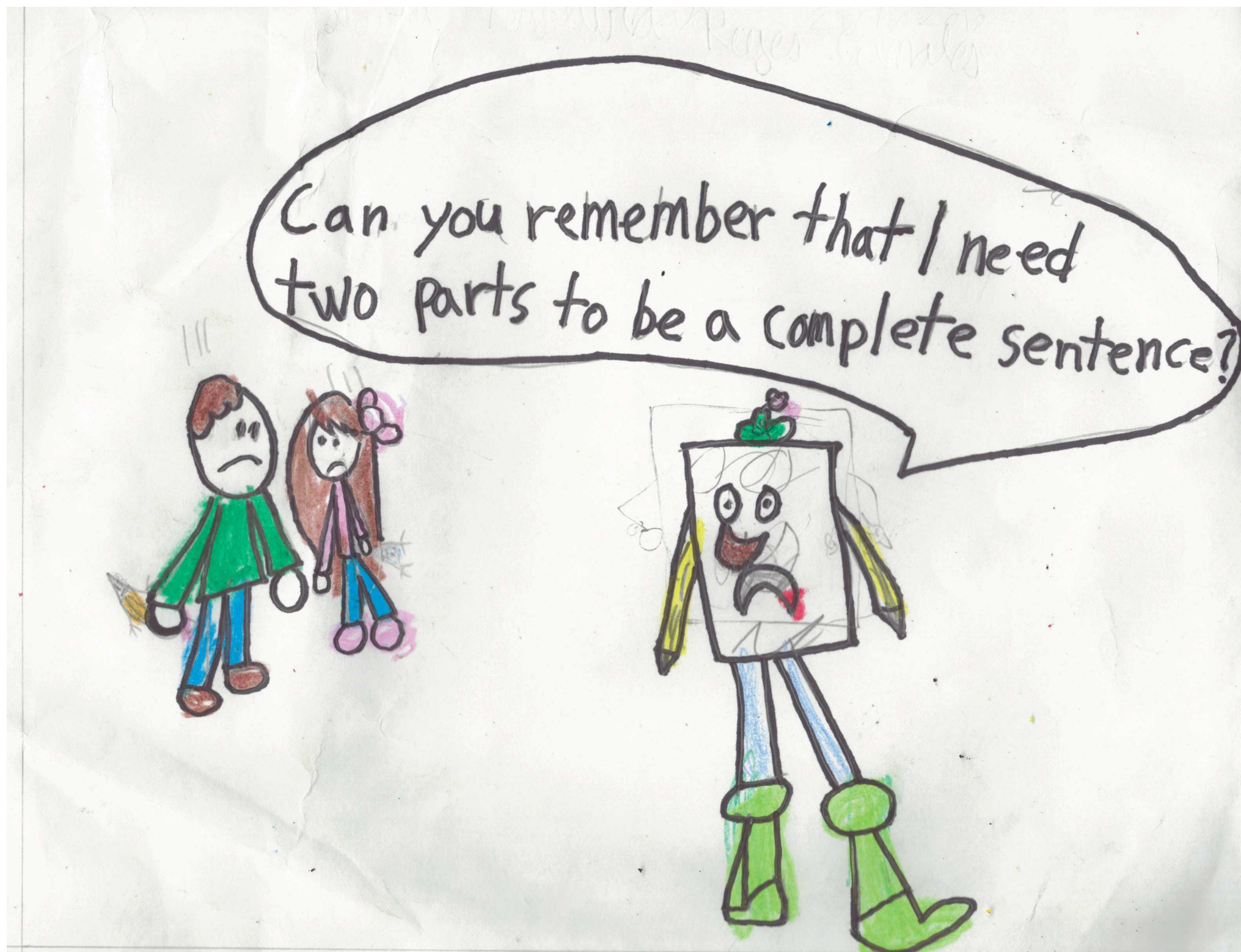




Keidy Ramos Cabrera

Yes. I will write you with a capital letter at the beginning.

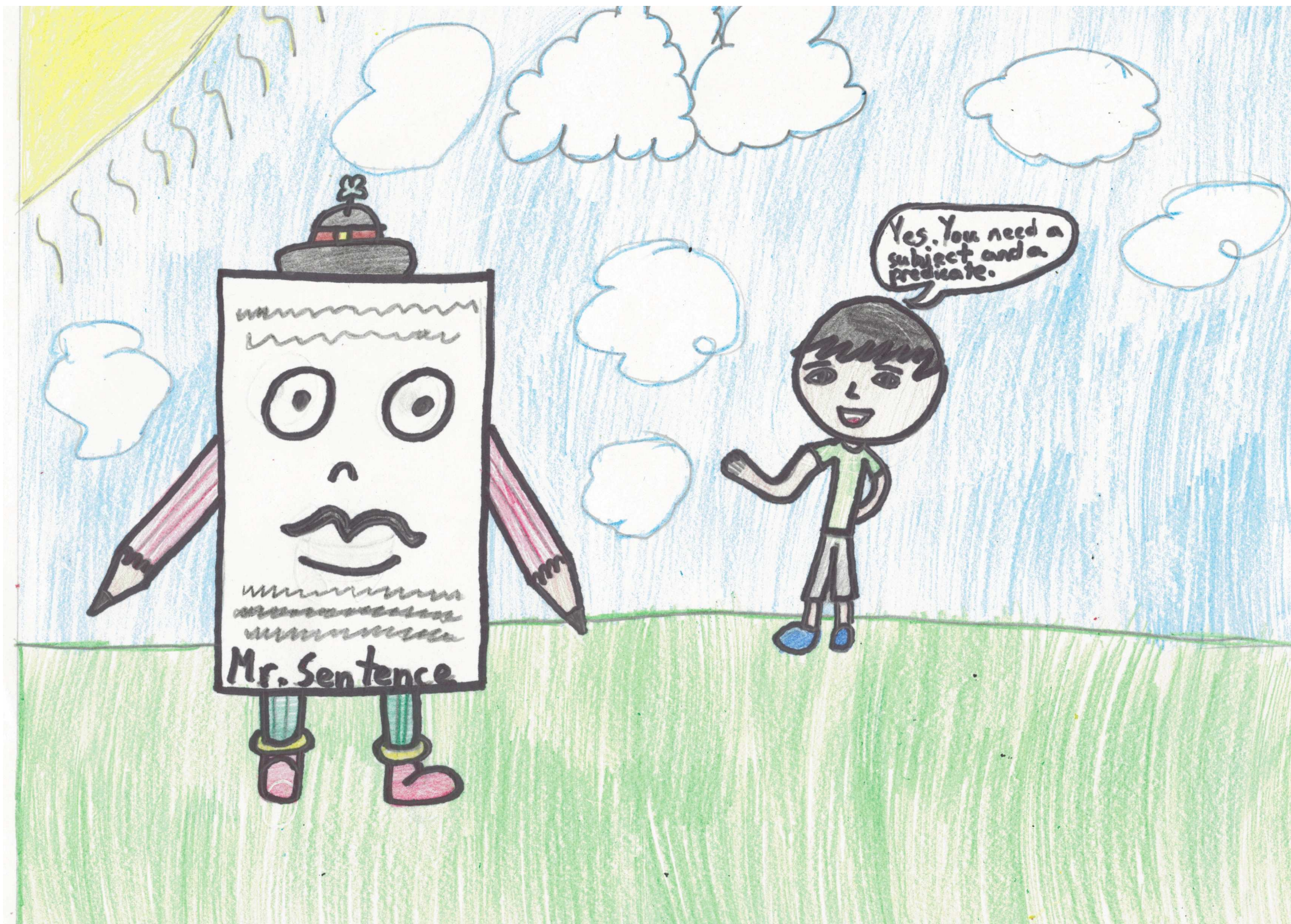




David Alexander Reyes Canales

Can you remember that I need two  
parts to be a complete sentence?





Danalí Rivera Morales

Yes. You need a subject and a predicate.

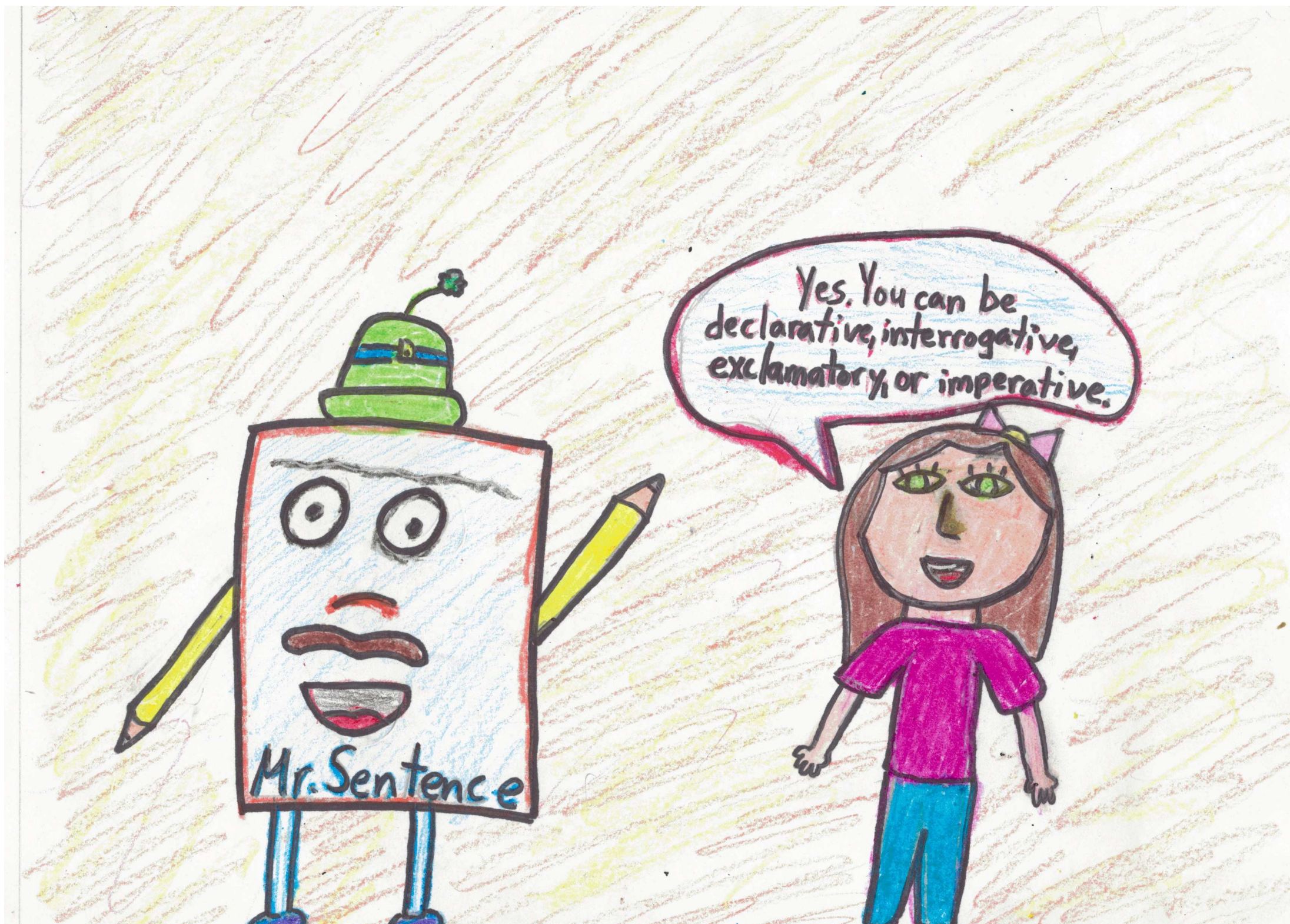




Willow Lee Rodríguez Lanza

Can you remember that I can be of  
many kinds?

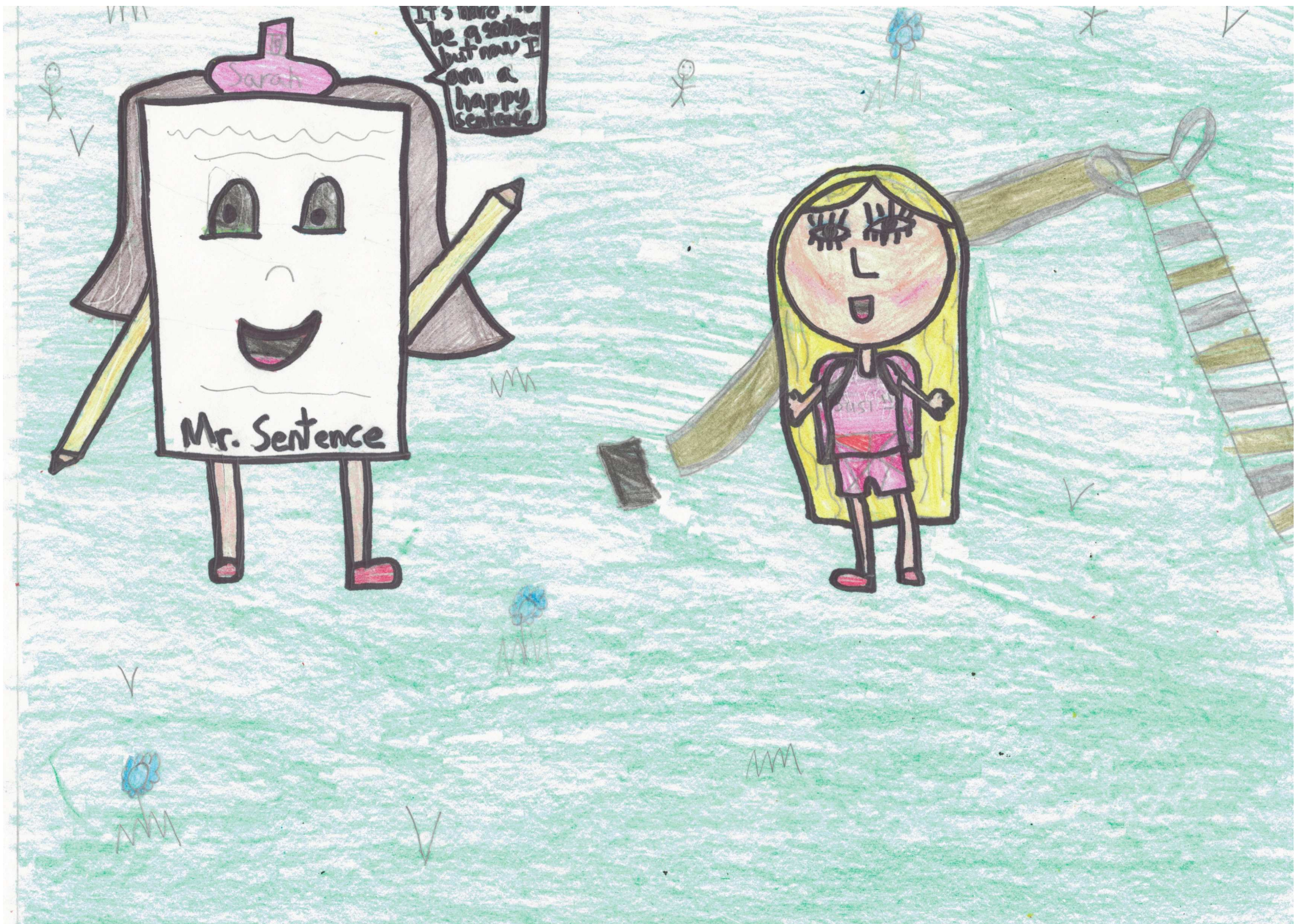




Nildalys Santiago Fernández

Yes. You can be declarative,  
interrogative, exclamatory, or  
imperative.





Camila Isabel Santiago Román

Thank you! It's hard to be a sentence, but now I am a happy sentence!





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