

Punctuating Sentences

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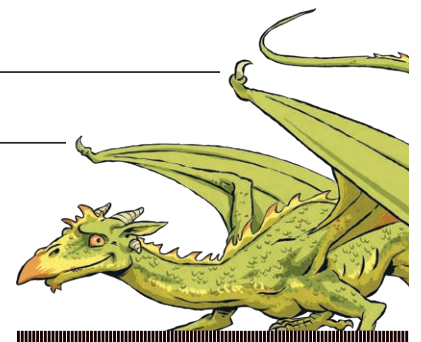
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At the start of a sentence.

In a title.

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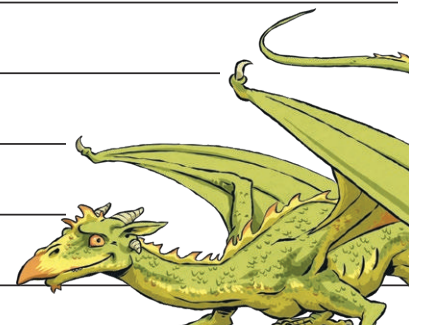
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Rewrite the extract with the full stops and capital letters where they should be.

Don't forget: there is more than one reason to use a capital letter!



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