

Masterpiece Sentences: Step 1

All right, artists, let's get ready to create our first masterpiece sentence. The first step is to sketch the sentence. So let's look at what we're going to be describing. It is a beautiful photo. Hey, there it is. And get a good look at it, because we're going to be thinking about it a lot.

Now let's hang that up on the wall. And we're going to sketch our sentence just like any first draft of a painting. It's very simple-- just to get a rough idea so let's think about the subject of this sentence.

What's doing something in this sentence? That's right, birds. And just very, very simply, what do the birds do? They fly. So our first sentence, simple as can be-- "The birds fly." We've got our subject, which is "the birds," and our predicate. How easy is this? What do they do? They fly.

Now we're going to keep our verbs in the present tense for this exercise. You can, of course, make yours in the past tense if you like-- "The birds flew." But just for simplicity's sake, we're going to keep it in the present tense. Step 1 is done. On to step 2.
