

## Minor sentences

An incomplete sentence that doesn't have all the elements needed to make a full sentence, but still makes sense.

No pain, no gain!

We understand this sentence to mean: if you don't work hard, you won't make any progress, even though it doesn't actually contain any verbs that tell us this, like 'work', or 'progress'.

Minor sentences are often informal, but they can also create urgency, tension, or easily express emotion.

"I've booked us dinner tonight. 7pm sharp."

"Good grief! Look at the prices on their menu!"

"Disappointing. Let's go somewhere else then."

Carol Ann Duffy's poem, 'In Mrs Tilscher's Class', explores the positive experience she had in a nurturing primary school:

"The classroom glowed like a sweet shop. Sugar paper. Coloured shapes."

Sweet shops are places of wonder and temptation for children, and Duffy extends this idea by using minor sentences to nostalgically list snapshots of her memories.

Being in Mrs Tilscher's classroom was an experience of sensory overload, much the same experience you'd have as a child in a sweet shop.

Minor Sentences.

Good job!

The end.

Wrap!