

CHECK YOURSELF 1



Read the sentences aloud. Circle all content words and underline all function words. (For answers to Check Yourself 1–3, see Appendix II, page 284.)

EXAMPLE The dogs are barking.

1. Mary is a good friend.
2. Steve is tall and handsome.
3. It's early in the morning.
4. The baby caught a cold.
5. I ate a piece of pie.
6. The store opens at nine.
7. My shoes hurt my feet.
8. Please look for the book.
9. He's leaving in a week.
10. We walked in the snow.

Check your answers. Then read the sentences aloud again. Be sure to stress all content words and unstress all function words.

CHECK YOURSELF 2



Read the sentences aloud. In each sentence, the function words have been omitted. Fill in the blanks with appropriate function words.

EXAMPLE I went to the store.

1. Mary wants \_\_\_\_\_ cup \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ show started \_\_\_\_\_ eight.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ movie \_\_\_\_\_ very funny.
4. Sue ate \_\_\_\_\_ slice \_\_\_\_\_ cake.
5. We met \_\_\_\_\_ couple \_\_\_\_\_ five days \_\_\_\_\_