

Types of sentences

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Simple sentences vs sentence fragments

➤ What is a simple sentence?

SIMPLE SENTENCES

A **simple sentence** contains only one independent (main) clause that has a complete thought with a subject (who or what the sentence is about) and a predicate (what is happening in the sentence).

A **complete simple sentence** begins with a capital letter and ends with a proper punctuation mark.

Examples:

- She likes to listen to music.
- Johnny plays the drum.



➤ What is a sentence fragment?

Sentence Fragments

A **sentence fragment** is usually **missing** one or more of three components: **a subject**, **a predicate**, and **a complete thought**.

Missing Subject

Under the bed. (sentence fragment)

The toy was under the bed. (complete sentence)

Missing Predicate

The man in that house. (sentence fragment)

The man in that house lives alone. (complete sentence)

Incomplete Thought

After they finished dinner. (sentence fragment)

After they finished dinner, they went to the movies. (complete sentence)

Sentence Fragment

Missing a **subject**, a **verb** or does not express a **complete thought**.

Quickly went to the store ❌

She quickly to the store ❌

She quickly went to the store. 😊

Complete sentences need a **SUBJECT** ≠ **PREDICATE**

(the **noun** that the sentence is about) (start with the **verb** and has action)

If one is missing, then it is NOT complete, and it's a **FRAGMENT**

COMPLETE SENTENCE	FRAGMENT
Ms. Raga (subject) reads (verb) every night. (predicate)	Going to the store. (verb) (Who's going? no subject!) (predicate)
Dogs (subject) bark. (verb)	Jianee (subject) is going (verb) (Where is she going? missing predicate)

Remember that a simple sentence could be a statement, an exclamation, a question or a command.

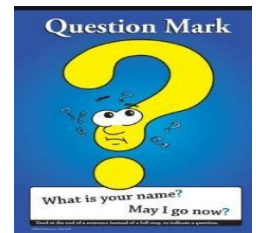
1- Statement (declarative): It either makes a statement or expresses an opinion and ends with a full stop (.)

Examples: I want to be a good writer. (makes a statement)
My friend is a really good writer. (expresses an opinion)



2- Question (interrogative): It asks a question. This type of sentence often begins with who, what, where, when, why, how, or do, and it ends with a question mark (?)

Example: Do I have to water the plant?



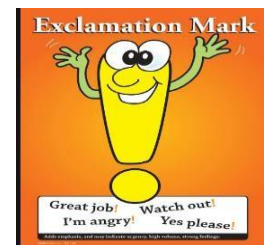
3- Command (imperative): It gives a command/ order or makes a request. It usually ends with a full stop (.) but can, under certain circumstances, end with an exclamation mark. It starts with a 'bossy' verb.

Example: Water the plant.
Water the plant now! (an order with strong feeling)



4- Exclamatory: It is a sentence that expresses great and strong emotions such as excitement, surprise, happiness and anger, and ends with an exclamation mark (!)

Examples: It is too dangerous to climb that mountain!
I got an A on my book report!
Wow, that sounds amazing!



Q1. Write "S" if the group of words is a complete sentence and "F" if it is a fragment.

1. Lorna wants a new bicycle. _____
2. The flowers in the garden. _____
3. The cat jumped on the bed. _____
4. More sugar in the recipe. _____
5. There are three green cushions on the couch. _____
6. The waterfall at the top of the creek. _____
7. James ate all the soda crackers. _____
8. Ran down the street. _____

Q2. Add the correct punctuation mark to each sentence and write whether the sentence is a statement, question, an exclamation or a command on the line. The first one has been done for you.

1. Where is my English book? question
2. I love school _____
3. Do you wash your hands before you eat _____
4. Chocolate donuts are my favorite _____
5. We won _____
6. Put your books on the table _____
7. Do you think I can swim in cold water _____
8. Look, it is raining _____

9. I found a dog on the sidewalk _____

10. Clean up your messy room _____

11. What a beautiful cat _____

12. Stop the loud noise _____

13. Who picked this rose for me _____

14. Wow, you have big beautiful eyes _____

15. Be careful _____

Q3. Write on the lines two examples for each type of sentence.

1. Statement (.)

a. _____

b. _____

2. Command (.)/(!)

a. _____

b. _____

3. Question (?)

a. _____

b. _____

4. Exclamation(!)

a. _____

b. _____

Q4. Add the correct punctuation mark for the following sentences:

1. Who is your Maths teacher ____
2. I have two brothers and one sister ____
3. This cake is so yummy ____
4. Take care of yourself ____
5. Girls love playing with dolls ____
6. What a sweet chick with brown hen _____
7. Turn off the lights _____
8. Who is your favorite singer _____
9. It's too noisy _____

