

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
Ms. Raga **reads** **every night.**

FRAGMENT
Going **to the store**
(Who's going? **no subject!**)

Dogs **bark.**

Jianee **is going**
(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 (?)

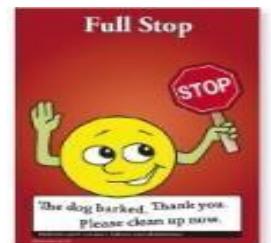


Example: Do I have to water the plant?

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 _____

