

Types of sentences

Date: Key Answer

Simple sentences vs sentence fragments

- What is a simple sentence?

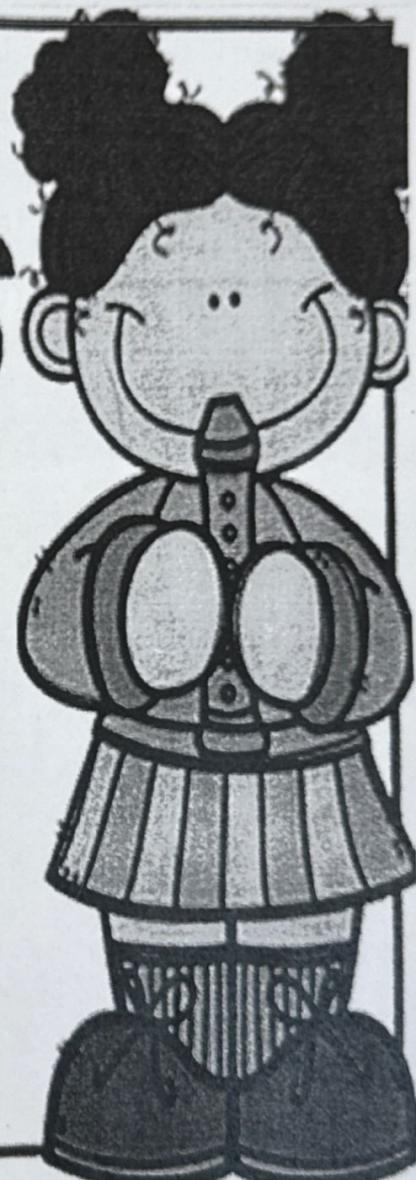
SiMPLE SENTENCES

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.



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 X

She quickly to the store X

She quickly went to the store. (smiley face)

Complete sentences need a **SUBJECT + PREDICATE**

(the noun that the sentence is about) and has action)

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

COMPLETE SENTENCE

Ms. Raga reads every night.

Dogs bark.

FRAGMENT

Gang to the store.
(Who's going?
no subject!)

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.

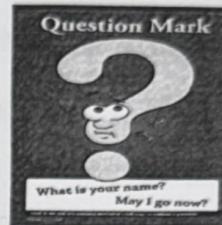
1-Statement (declarative): It either makes a statement or expresses an opinion and ends with a full stop (.)

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

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 . statement
3. Do you wash your hands before you eat ? question
4. Chocolate donuts are my favorite . statement
5. We won ! exclamation
6. Put your books on the table . command
7. Do you think I can swim in cold water ? question
8. Look, it is raining ! exclamation
9. I found a dog on the sidewalk . statement
10. Clean up your messy room ./! command

11. What a beautiful cat ! exclamation

12. Stop the loud noise . command

13. Who picked this rose for me ? question

14. Wow, you have big beautiful eyes ! exclamation

15. Be careful ! command

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

Students' answers may vary

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 ? question

2. I have two brothers and one sister . Statement

3. This cake is so yummy ! exclamation

4. Take care of yourself . command

5. Girls love playing with dolls , Statement

6. What a sweet chick with brown hen ! exclamation

7. Turn off the lights . command

8. Who is your favorite singer ? question

9. It's too noisy ! exclamation
.

Statement

