

## Types of sentences

Date: Key Answer

### Simple sentences vs sentence fragments

➤ What is a simple sentence?

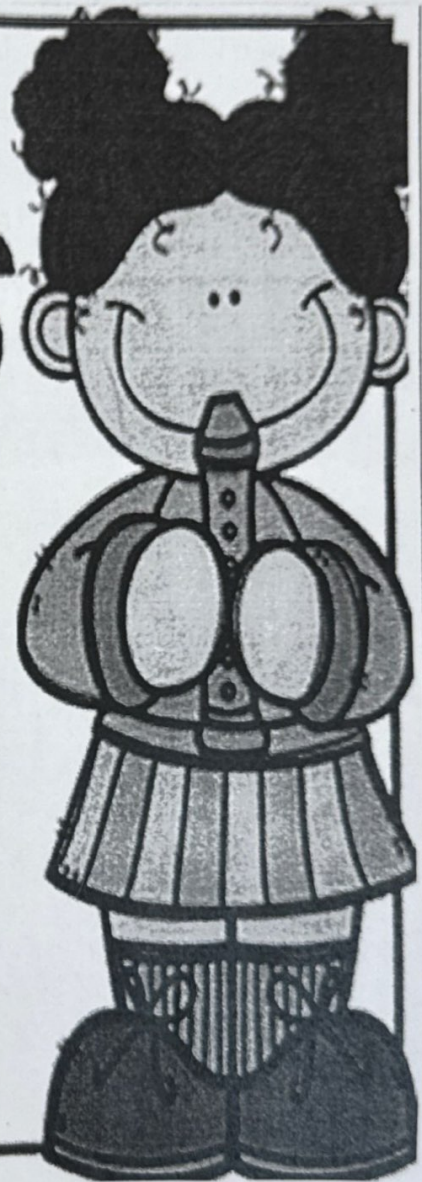
# SIMPLE SENTENCES

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 ✕

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
<u>Ms. Raga</u> <u>reads</u> <u>every night.</u> subject predicate	<u>Going to the store</u> verb (Who's going? no subject!) predicate
<u>Dogs bark.</u>	<u>Jianee is going</u> subject 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. 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

