

Sentence Fragments

A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that does not tell a complete thought. A fragment is missing a subject, a predicate, or sometimes both.

Sentence Fragment

Went to the movies. *missing subject*

Sentence Fragment

My brother and sister. *missing predicate*

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Identify what is missing from each fragment. Is it the **subject** or **predicate**?
Change each fragment into a complete sentence.

- 1 The library van.
- 2 Was trying to find a good book.
- 3 Think reading is fun.
- 4 People in the neighborhood.

Run-On Sentences

A **run-on sentence** has two complete thoughts, or sentences, that run into each other. The end punctuation of the first sentence is missing, and the second sentence is often missing a capital letter.

Run-On Sentence

Jamal enjoys mysteries he reads a new one each week.

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Suggest how to correct the run-on sentences.

- 1 The store is closed we'll have to come back tomorrow.
- 2 Peyton is moving his mom has a new job in Minnesota.
- 3 Riley is great at basketball she scored 12 points in the last game.
- 4 A peanut is not a nut it is really a legume.
- 5 The neighbors all joined together they organized a block party.

Connect to Writing: Using Complete Sentences

When you write, you can fix a sentence fragment by adding the missing subject or predicate. To correct a run-on sentence or a comma splice, separate the two complete thoughts with a period.

Sentence Fragment	Run-On Sentence
Is almost out of whole grain muffins.	We are going to a museum on Friday there is a new dinosaur exhibit. We are going to a museum on Friday, there is a new dinosaur exhibit.
New, Complete Sentence	New, Complete Sentences
The café is almost out of whole grain muffins.	We are going to a museum on Friday. There is a new dinosaur exhibit.

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Writing Complete Sentences

Identify each sentence as a *fragment*, a *run-on*, or a *complete sentence*. If the sentence is a run-on or fragment, suggest how to correct it.

- 1 Always does his homework in the library.
- 2 Everyone helped the fundraiser was a success.
- 3 A flock of seagulls flew over the ship.
- 4 Made bird feeders from old soda bottles.