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**Grammar: Avoiding Incomplete Sentences** (also known as “**Fragments**”)

Today’s Question: *What is a sentence*?

Quick Review!

Write the part of speech for each underlined word above the word.

“Ahh!” I just saw a very scary movie with my friends. I didn’t think it would be that scary, but I was under my jacket the whole time!

A sentence is complete if…

1.) You see a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The subject is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the sentence is about.

(usually the noun or pronoun)

The verb explains the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the subject.

2.) It expresses a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thought (you are not left asking questions).

Example 1: The boy *wanted* to drive.

Example 2: Writing *is* power.

For a sentence to be complete, it must have a SUBJECT and VERB!

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| **Fragment** | **Complete Sentence** |
| Ate pancakes  (missing a subject!) | **We** ate pancakes. |
| A black cat  (missing a verb!) | A black cat **crossed** our path. |
| Under the desk  (missing a subject and a verb!) | Under the desk, **he found** a book. |

Figure out if the following sentences are complete or incomplete by underlining the subject and circling the verb. If a sentence is incomplete, fix it!

1. Ms. Molleur slept through her alarm.

2. Went to the store.

3. After the show.

4. They left.

5. The cat ran.

6. Ran up the tree.

For a sentence to be complete, it must EXPRESS A COMPLETE THOUGHT! You shouldn’t be left with any questions!

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| **Fragment** | **Complete Sentence** |
| If we ate pancakes.  (then what?) | If we ate pancakes, **then we would be full**. |
| When a black cat crossed our path.  (what happened?) | When a black cat crossed our path, **we shivered**. |
| He found.  (what?) | He found **a book**. |

Determine if the following sentences are complete or fragments by figuring out if it leaves you asking questions. If it is incomplete, fix it!

1. I forgot to remind.

2. After finishing my homework late.

3. A store was robbed.

4. The children running wild.

5. The man sleeping under the tree.

6. I sing because.

7. Although he liked candy.

From now on, I am going to mark any incomplete sentence you write with “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” and you will lose points, even if your answer is right!