

Sentence Fragments

A sentence needs to have a subject and predicate to be complete. If either the subject or predicate are absent, it is a sentence fragment. It doesn't matter how long or short a sentence is, as long as it has both parts.

To understand this concept, think of a pizza. A plain cheese pizza may not be very exciting, but it is still a whole pizza.



Meanwhile, a pizza slice can be loaded with delicious toppings, but is still just a slice rather than a full pizza.

The same is true for sentences.

Examples:

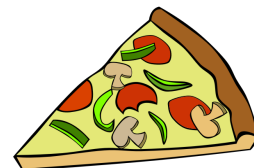
He ran.

"He" is the subject, and "ran" is the predicate. Therefore, even though there is little to no detail, this is a complete sentence.



Ran faster than a cheetah chasing its prey.

While there is some interesting detail, this is missing a subject and is therefore a sentence fragment.



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Yay-This is a full pizza! Even if the sentence is short and/or boring (like a plain cheese pizza), it is still complete.



Sorry, friend, but this is just a slice of pizza (a sentence fragment).

While it may have some fancy details, it's missing something it needs in order to be a complete sentence.

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I am tired.	As you ride the bike.	He sneezed.
As I stared at the hairy monster, afraid for my life!	With sore limbs, she completed the long-distance run.	Exhausted from a hard day's work, with eyelids about to close.
When I was at the library yesterday.	The phone that broke when I dropped it.	We took the gray, fluffy dog for a walk.
Floating to the ground like a feather on a calm, spring day.	I loved to play dress-up when I was a young child.	Yelling at the top of her lungs.
Sliding down the roof and falling to the ground.	The chocolate chip cookie that I had for an afternoon snack.	I was at the library yesterday.
The bus was late.	The dog barked.	Was crossing the street.
Performing for a huge audience.	Waking up way too early.	The team that just scored a touchdown.
The yellow flower from the shop down on the corner.	When the dog wouldn't stop barking.	It spun the silken web as the rain trickled down.
Five wooden chairs.	Take a walk.	Walked like a turtle.