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Simple Sentences Vs. Fragments

Simple Sentences	Fragments
Needs a subject and a predicate	Missing the subject or the predicate
Independent Clause	Dependent Clause
The Parent	The Baby

A simple sentence has:
a **Subject** (who? What? Noun) +
a **Predicate** (verb and the rest)

Choose if the sentence below is a simple sentence or a fragment. If it is a simple sentence, circle the subject and underline the predicate.

1. She devoured the cake at her birthday party. _____
2. Skipped down the street. _____
3. I rested my head on the desk after a long day of work. _____

Ways to Fix a Run-on Sentence

What is a run-on sentence?

- Multiple simple sentences or independent clauses put together with no punctuation.

Example: The Fall breeze picked up the leaves they spun through the air.

- Simple sentences or independent clauses put together with only a comma in between.

Example: My dog continually licked me, he is very sweet.

How to fix a run-on?

- Separate the simple sentences with a period and capitalize the first letter of the second sentence.

Example: The Fall breeze picked up the leaves. They spun through the air.

- Create a compound sentence: Use a comma and a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) FANBOYS

Example: My dog continually licked me, but he is very sweet.

The Compound sentence formula:

Independent clause , (Coordinating conj) Independent clause