Complete Sentences

A complete sentence has a subject and a predicate.

The **subject** is the part of the sentence that tells *who* or *what* the sentence is about. The simple subject is the main noun or pronoun. The **predicate** is the part of the sentence that tells *what the subject did* or *gives more information* about the subject. The simple predicate is the verb/verb phrase. If a sentence does not have both a subject and a predicate, it is not a complete sentence. It is a **sentence fragment**.

Run-on sentences occur when phrases are joined (or run together) without any punctuation or connecting words or with too many connecting words.

He is my best friend he lives across the street.

I have a lot of friends and they are good friends but he is my best friend.

Identify run-ons or fragments. In the others, underline the complete subject once and complete predicate twice. Circle each simple subject and simple predicate.

My mom bought a new camera.

The window broke during the storm.

Typed a long letter.

Lillian made a beautiful collage.

The unbearable drought lasted for three long months.

Our favorite dentist retired last week.

The coffee was good and I liked the donuts but the milk was too warm.

Sentence Types

There are four types of sentences.

All sentences begin with a capital letter. However, the punctuation at the end of the sentence depends on what type of sentence it is.

Declarative sentences are statements. They end with periods.

The girls went on a hike.

Imperative sentences are commands. They also end with periods. The subject, you, is suggested but not directly stated.

Go find them.

Interrogative sentences are questions. They end with question marks.

Is Selena with them?

are you going on the ski trip this winter

Exclamatory sentences are full of emotion. They end with exclamation points.

Selena is lost!

Add capital letters and ending punctuation to the sentences below. Identify the type of each one.

the blue paint matched the carpet perfectly

we're going to be late

unlock the door

alicia wore her new coat

Read this passage from *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Identify any run-on sentences. Make sure each underlined sentence is complete. If it is, circle the simple subject and the simple predicate. If it is not, identify the fragment as a subject (s) or a predicate (p).

The Shelbys lived in an elegant house in Kentucky. Owned a number of slaves. They prided themselves on treating them well. Mrs. Shelby, in particular, did her best to train them in the Christian faith and treat them as equals. It came as a great surprise when her husband announced that he had sold two of their slaves. She began to argue at once, but he told her it was no use. They were deeply in debt. Mr. Haley, a slave trader, was taking Tom and Harry in the morning.

Tom, affectionately known as Uncle Tom, was the Shelby's best hand. He was honest, hardworking, and trustworthy. Mr. Shelby was sorry to part with such a valuable slave. Harry was a young boy of only four years. Was a handsome, entertaining boy.

Harry's mother, Eliza. She overheard the Shelbys talking. Eliza quickly packed some provisions, picked up Harry, and left the house. Stopping by Tom's cabin, she told the other slaves the news. Eliza had decided to run away with her son she asked them to get word to her husband George who worked on a nearby farm. Then she disappeared into the night.

Review Time!

Edit this passage from *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Underline any sentence fragments and identify them as subjects (s) or predicates (p).

Watched Eliza with a scowl. Mr. Haley didn't have time to wait for a boat to take him across the river. he hired a pair of slave catchers to find Eliza and Harry, and then he returned to the Shelby's property for Tom.

Mrs. Shelby was in the cabin talking to Tom and Chloe when Mr. Haley arrived She told Tom that she would do her best to buy him back again. Then Mr. Haley interrupted and growled at Tom that it was time to leave. tom obediently climbed up into the wagon, and Mr. Haley fastened a pair of shackles around his ankles. They slowly rolled away as those left behind wept.

mr. Haley was taking Tom to New Orleans by boat. He hoped to sell Tom for a lot of money. Mr. Haley was a very greedy man

A father and daughter by the name of St. Clare. They happened to be on the same boat. The daughter, Eva, was a charming girl of five years. Her generous, compassionate nature impressed everyone who met her. her father was a wealthy, careless man whose life revolved around his only child.