

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 sentences is about.

The **predicate** is the part of the sentence that tells *what the subject* did or *gives more information* about the subject. If a sentence does not have both parts, it is a **fragment**.

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The sparrow chirped outside my window. Was very loud.

subject predicate fragment

The complete subject is all of the words that tell who or what the sentence is about.

The simple subject is the main noun or pronoun. The complete predicate is all of the words that tell what the subject is or does. The simple predicate is the verb.

Run-on sentences occur when sentences are joined (or run together) without any punctuation or connecting words, or too many connecting words, like “*and*.”

I trimmed the bushes and mowed and raked but didn’t pull weeds.
Jamie saw a cat he picked it up.

Identify run-ons or fragments. In the others, underline the complete subject once and the predicate twice. Mark the simple subjects (ss) and predicates (sp).

The girls built a sand castle.

The big red truck.

The sheep grazed calmly in the pasture.

My sister wrote a poem.

We should go to the store we are out of milk and eggs.

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.

We have three apple trees.

IMPERATIVE SENTENCES are commands. They also end with periods.

Go pick some apples.

INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES are questions. They end with question marks.

Would you like an apple pie?

EXCLAMATORY SENTENCES are full of emotion. They end with exclamation points.

My apple pie won first place!

Add capital letters and the correct ending punctuation to the sentences below.

do you like rainy days

turn on the light

our neighbor is watering his lawn

have you seen Brad

i hate this ride

i share a room with my little sister

Read each sentence carefully in this passage from *A Christmas Carol*. Make sure all of the underlined sentences are complete. If they are, circle the simple subjects and the simple predicates. If they are not, decide which part of the sentence is there and mark it (S) for subject or (P) for predicate.

To begin with, one thing must be pointed out. Jacob Marley was dead. Had been dead for seven years. Jacob Marley's business partner, Ebenezer Scrooge, was the only person who really cared about Marley's death. Even he certainly didn't care as much as you might think. Ebenezer Scrooge went right on with business. He never even bothered to remove Marley's name from the door of their business.

Ebenezer Scrooge was not the sort of person you would hope to have as your grandfather. The old man. When he walked down the street, nobody asked him, "How are you today?" or "Won't you come over for supper?" Scrooge had a cold, cheerless personality. Preferred working over the company of other people. He had plenty of money. However, he was very stingy. He certainly didn't give it away for anyone else's use either!

Review Time!

Edit this passage from *A Christmas Carol*. Underline any sentence fragments and write an “S” or a “P” to tell which part is there. Add capital letters and ending punctuation where needed. Use all three types of ending punctuation.

If it was up to Scrooge, business would continue on as usual without even stopping to notice that it was Christmas! however, he let his underpaid clerk take the holiday off, though not without a fair amount of complaining. Scrooge walked home to his dark house Ate a bowl of thin soup. He was quite shaken when the bell began to chime and he heard the sounds of chains being dragged across the floor. it was the ghost of his old business partner, Jacob Marley He had a large, heavy chain wrapped around his waist.

Scrooge asked fearfully, "What do you want with me "

"I want a lot from you," Marley replied. "I have to drag these chains about for the rest of time. they are my punishment for how I lived my life. Instead of caring about people, I only cared about money."

Scrooge's old business partner. marley had come to warn Scrooge so that he wouldn't end up the same way. He told Scrooge that he would be visited by three different spirits

Nouns

A noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.