

Topic: Sentence Fragments

Definition: A sentence fragment is an incomplete sentence.

Explanation: A sentence fragment lacks (a) a subject, (b) single verb, or (a) complete verb phrase.

- A *sentence* is an independent clause with a subject (naming part) and a verb (telling part).
- A *sentence* is a complete thought that can stand alone.

Examples

- **Incorrect [missing a subject]:** Smiling happily at his mother each morning at daybreak.
- **Correct:** He smiled happily at his mother each morning at daybreak.

- **Incorrect [missing a verb]:** The train with hundreds of sleepy passengers at the station every morning.
- **Correct:** The train with hundreds of sleepy passengers stopped at the station every morning.

- **Incorrect [missing one word of a verb phrase]:** A sense of hope and peace growing among the people.
- **Correct:** A sense of hope and peace is growing among the people