

FIX THE FRAGMENTS

A **sentence fragment** is only part of a complete sentence. It is missing either a subject or a predicate.

EXAMPLE: Ate the cupcake.
This sentence is missing a subject.

A **complete sentence** expresses a complete thought. It has a subject and a predicate.

EXAMPLE: Alex ate the cupcake.
This sentence has a subject and a predicate.

PART 1: Read the sentence fragments below. Add a subject and expand the sentence by adding details! Write your new sentence on the line.

EXAMPLE: Drove quickly down the highway. The truck driver drove quickly down the highway.

1. Make a birthday cake. My aunt will make a birthday cake for me.
2. Smiled at the baby. The grandmother smiled at the cute baby.
3. Write a letter. I will write a letter to the editor to share my concerns.
4. Swam at the lake. We swam in the lake at the beginning of the summer.

PART 2: Read the sentence fragments below. Add a predicate and expand the sentence by adding details! Write your new sentence on the line. An example has been done for you.

EXAMPLE: The basketball player. The basketball player was exhausted after the long game.

1. The creative author. The creative author wrote an award-winning trilogy.
2. My funny mom. My funny teacher made us laugh with his comical impressions.
3. A turtle that was walking slow. A turtle that was walking slow stopped to eat a leaf.
4. The principal who shook my hand. The principal who shook my hand presented me the award.