

# FIX THE FRAGMENTS

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

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

**EXAMPLE:** Ate the cupcake.

This sentence is missing a subject.

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Smiled at the baby. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Write a letter. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Swam at the lake. \_\_\_\_\_

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

2. My funny mom. \_\_\_\_\_

3. A turtle that was walking slow. \_\_\_\_\_

4. The principal who shook my hand. \_\_\_\_\_