

Sentence Structure

How to write a complete sentence

Sentences need Subjects and Verbs

As a class list subjects:

As a class list verbs:

Circle the Subjects and Underline the Verbs

Write the following sentences in your book.

Circle the subjects and underline the verbs:

Mya, Dom and Bailey began their journey on January 8th 2018.

Both comedy and tragedy struck along the way.

Hayden walked 14,678 km to help them.

Independent Clauses

A sentence that can stand alone.

Example: I held the umbrella.

Can you pick out the sentence fragment below? I have hidden it using capitals and periods:

1. While I ate a chicken nugget.
2. I have a sweet tooth.
3. The holidays are coming!

An independent clause has a subject and a verb.

Dependent Clauses

A sentence that can't stand alone.

Example: Because I can't wait for the bus.

Can you pick out the sentence fragment below? I have hidden it using capitals and periods:

1. While I ate a chicken nugget.
2. I have a sweet tooth.
3. The holidays are coming!

An independent clause has a subject and a verb, but they really on other information to make sense.

Independent and Dependent Clauses work together

To use a dependent clause, you must include an independent clause with it.

For example:

Independent: I learned a lot about complex sentences.

Dependent: While listening to the teacher.

Put them together:

I learned a lot about complex sentences, while listening to the teacher.

Sentence Fragments

Sentence fragments are groups of words that look like a sentence but are not (ex. Dependent clauses).

All sentences need an independent clause.

Try reading this small paragraph. How would proper sentence structure help give it meaning?

I share a room with my sister. The messiest person in the world. My side of the room is always neat and dean; her side always looks terrible. As if it just went through a major earthquake. She never- hangs up her clothes. When she takes them off. The floor is her closet. The top of her dresser hasn't been seen by human eyes. For over a year now.