

Simple Sentences : Sentence Activities

Fill in the missing parts to create **SIMPLE** sentences.

Predicate (part 1)	Subject	Predicate (part 2)
	<i>Everyone at the wedding</i>	
<i>To help me,</i>	<i>my mother and father</i>	
<i>On the couch under the pillows was</i>		
	<i>The bravery displayed by the knight</i>	
<i>Since last year,</i>		<i>has been saving money to buy a new skateboard</i>

Circle whether each word group is a "fragment or sentence." If it is a fragment, correct it to make it a complete sentence (either simple or complex) and write it on the line below.

1) has flown in a hot air balloon *fragment* *sentence*

2) the small black hermit crabs *fragment* *sentence*

3) lying on its back, the panda ate bamboo *fragment* *sentence*

4) hopping from beach towel to beach towel over the hot sand *fragment* *sentence*

5) because the pieces are sharp *fragment* *sentence*

Write "S" above each subject and "V" above each verb in these **simple sentences**. Circle the correct subject and verb combination.

6) In one of the most famous episodes of *I Love Lucy*, Lucy and Ethel get jobs in a candy factory.
subject + verb *compound subject + verb* *subject + compound verb* *compound subject + compound verb*

7) In another episode, Lucy climbs over a wall and steals a grapefruit from a movie star's backyard.
subject + verb *compound subject + verb* *subject + compound verb* *compound subject + compound verb*

8) During a trip to Paris, Lucy and Ethel dress in burlap sacks and inadvertently start a fashion trend.
subject + verb *compound subject + verb* *subject + compound verb* *compound subject + compound verb*

9) Many episodes revolve around Lucy's biggest dream of being a performer.
subject + verb *compound subject + verb* *subject + compound verb* *compound subject + compound verb*

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The sentence pairs have roughly the same meaning. Circle the letter of the simple sentence which contains no dependent clauses in each pair. Draw a line through the dependent clause in the other sentence.

- 10) a. While we were eating dinner, my dog sat and begged for table scraps.
b. During dinner, my dog sat and begged for table scraps.
- 11) a. On Friday, school was cancelled because the storm was so massive.
b. On Friday, school was cancelled because of the massive storm.
- 12) a. As a reward for earning good grades, my father took us to the baseball game.
b. Since we earned good grades, my father took us to the baseball game.
- 13) a. Sam practiced the piano everyday to prepare for the competition.
b. Sam practiced the piano everyday so that he would be prepared for the competition.
- 14) a. Bent with the weight of huge lemons, the branch drooped nearly to the ground.
b. The branch, which had huge lemons on it, drooped nearly to the ground.
- 15) a. Before she spends the money, she must ask her mother.
b. Before spending the money, she must ask her mother.

Change the dependent clause (with a line through it) to a phrase and rewrite the simple sentence on the line.

- 16) The runner ~~who was wearing the red shoes~~ failed to finish the 10K race.

- 17) The barbeque and picnic were a success ~~even though it rained~~.

- 18) ~~As soon as the performance is over~~, we will meet the star backstage.

- 19) The children pressed up to the window ~~because they wanted a better view of the panda~~.

- 20) The package ~~which Becky sent to us~~ contained all of Uncle Henry's letters from Gibraltar.

RELATED AVOID ACTIVITY: Launch the AVOID activity. Focus on the second question in each problem set. If the word group is a fragment, write it as a simple sentence by adding the missing pieces.

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<i>To help me,</i>	<i>my mother and father</i>	<i>held the bicycle.</i>
<i>On the couch under the pillows was</i>	<i>the controller for my game console.</i>	
	<i>The bravery displayed by the knight</i>	<i>won him the king's favor.</i>
<i>Since last year,</i>	<i>my brother Steven</i>	<i>has been saving money to buy a new skateboard.</i>

ANSWER, COMPLETED SENTENCES WILL VARY

- 1) fragment *Add subject The news reporter has flown in a hot air balloon.*
- 2) fragment *Add predicate The small black hermit crabs crawled over the rocks at low tide.*
- 3) sentence
- 4) fragment *Add subject The little girl was hopping from beach towel to beach towel over the hot sand.*
- 5) fragment *Add complete thought ... Wear gloves because the pieces are sharp.*

ANSWERS

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 b. Before spending the money, she must ask her mother.
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- 17) The barbeque and picnic were a success despite the rain. (... success in spite of the rain.)
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- 19) The children pressed up to the window to get a better view of the panda.
- 20) The package from Becky contained all of Uncle Henry's letters from Gibraltar. (Becky's package contained...)