

Complete Sentences

A complete sentence has a WHO (subject) and a DOES WHAT (verb). Let's check!

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■ **Complete sentence** = WHO + DOES WHAT + punctuation (e.g. "The cat sleeps.")

■ **Fragment** = missing the WHO or the DOES WHAT (e.g. "The cat." or "Sleeps.")

—■ Part A: Sentence or Fragment? Write S or F.

Write **S** if it is a complete sentence. Write **F** if it is a fragment.

1 The little dog barked.

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2 Running fast.

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3 We played in the rain all afternoon.

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4 A big red.

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5 She smiled at her friend.

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6 The yellow butterfly.

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7 My dad cooks dinner every night.

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8 Jumped over.

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■ Part B: Fix the Fragment!

Each sentence below is missing a word. Fill in the blank to make it complete.

1 The puppy ____.

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(add a verb)

2 ____ is very tall.

(add a subject)

3 We ____ to the beach.

(add a verb)

4 ____ ran across the field.

(add a subject)

■ Part C: Write 2 Complete Sentences!

Remember: WHO + DOES WHAT + punctuation!

1.

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2.

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Score: _____ / 14

Sentence expert! ■

Answer Key

Complete Sentences — Grade 1 Grammar

For the tutor/teacher: Part A — S = complete sentence, F = fragment. Part B — sample answers given; accept any grammatically correct word that completes the sentence. Part C — accept any two complete sentences with correct punctuation.

■ Part A — Answers

1	The little dog barked.	S
2	Running fast.	F
3	We played in the rain all afternoon.	S
4	A big red.	F
5	She smiled at her friend.	S
6	The yellow butterfly.	F
7	My dad cooks dinner every night.	S
8	Jumped over.	F

■ Part B — Sample Answers

1. The puppy barked loudly. *(add a verb)*
2. The tree is very tall. *(add a subject)*
3. We walked to the beach. *(add a verb)*
4. The horse ran across the field. *(add a subject)*

■ Checklist

Skill	What to look for	Check
Part A: All Boxes Filled	All 8 boxes have S or F written	Yes / Needs Work
Part A: Correct Answers	Answers match key: 4 sentences, 4 fragments	Yes / Needs Work
Part B: Blanks Filled	All 4 blanks completed	Yes / Needs Work
Part B: Makes Sense	Added word makes the sentence grammatically complete	Yes / Needs Work
Part C: 2 Sentences	Two original sentences written	Yes / Needs Work
Part C: Complete Sentences	Each has a subject, verb, and correct end punctuation	Yes / Needs Work
Capital Letters	All Part C sentences begin with a capital	Yes / Needs Work