

The Little Seagull Handbook, Outline Three

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5.1 Complete Sentences

Identify sentence parts of a sentence.

5.1a Elements of a Sentence

Subjects and predicates

- Sentence contains a subject and a predicate.
- Subject usually **WHO** or **WHAT**, answers **who** of the sentence.
- Predicate, always includes **DOES**, says what the subject **DOES**.
- Subject and predicate each may contain only one word.
 - Usually contain more than one word.
- Sentence may contain more than one subject or verb.
 - It never has subject **before** the verb.

Representing subjects explicitly

- English requires an explicit subject in every **STATEMENT**, even if it's all about the same subject.
- Only exception to this rule, the subject is understood or **you**.
- Some have subject **before** the verb and an **OBJECT** **AFTER**—**there is a**—**comes before** the verb.
 - It can also replace sentence and **underlying** sentence.
- English does not emphasize a subject by repeating it in the same clause.

Clauses

- Group of words containing a subject and predicate.
- Independent clause can function alone as a sentence.
- Subordinate clause begins with a **RELATIVE**, **ADJECTIVE**, **ADVERB**, **conjunction**, or **infinitive**.
 - It **never** stand alone as a sentence.

Phrases

- Word group that is **not** a subject, a verb, or both and **cannot** stand alone as a sentence.
- Prepositional, appositive, participial, gerund, and infinitive phrases.
 - Prepositional phrase—starts with a **PREPOSITION**, **can** **stand** up on its own usually **with** other words.
 - Appositive phrase—follows and gives additional information about a noun or pronoun, functions as **words**.
 - Participial phrase—contains the present or past participle of a verb + any **OBJECT**, **ADJECTIVE**, **ADVERB**, and **COMPLEMENT**.
 - Gerund phrase—includes **ing** form of a verb plus any objects, modifiers, and complements, functions as **a noun**.
 - Infinitive phrase—includes infinitive (to + the base form of a verb) and any objects, modifiers, and complements.

5.2 Sentence Fragments

- Often show up in **advertising**.
- Usually **intended** to catch attention.
- Sentence **lacks** **subject** and/or **predicate**.

5.3 Advertising Fragments

- Sentence fragment is group of words that is **unintended** and **presented** as a sentence that is **not** a sentence.
 - Sentence needs at least **ONE** **RELATIVE** **ADJECTIVE**, **ADVERB**, **conjunction** and **INFINITIVE** and **stand** **with** **an** **OBJECT** or **COMPLEMENT**.
- List of common advertising words.