

## The Little Seagull Handbook, Outline Three

### 1.100 (100-2)

#### 5.1 Complete Sentences

Identify sentence parts of a sentence.

#### 5.1a Elements of a Sentence

##### Subjects and predicates

- Sentence consists of 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 it**—**comes before** the verb.
  - It can also replace **subject** and **verb** with **copulas**.
- 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**, **ADVERB**, **WHICH**, **HOW**, or **WHEN**.
  - 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 phrases, participial phrases and infinitive phrases.
  - Prepositional phrases: starts with a **PREPOSITION**, **can** give up or down usually ends with a noun.
  - Appositive phrases: follow and give additional information about a noun or pronoun, function as **nouns**.
  - Participial phrases: contains the present or past participle of a verb + any **OBJECT**, **ADJECTIVE**, and **ADVERB**.
  - Infinitive phrases: includes **any form** of a verb plus any objects, modifiers, and complements, function as **a noun**.
  - Relative phrases: includes relative (or a **the**) form of a verb and any objects, modifiers, and complements.

#### 5.2 Sentence Fragments

- Often show up in advertising.
- Usually informal speech and text messages.
- Sentence **begin** **with** **and** **with** **are** fragments.

#### 5.3 Advertising Fragments

- Sentence fragments: a group of words that is **unintended** and **presented** as a sentence but is **not** a sentence.
  - Sentence needs at least **WHO** **WHAT** **DOES** **WHEN**, contains a **RELATIVE** or **WHICH** and **HOW** and **WHEN** and **can** **never** **begin** **with** **and** **with** **are**.
- List of common advertising words.