

Writing Complete Sentences

incomplete sentences – sentences that are not complete; they are also called fragments; they are missing **one** of the following things:

1. subject (who or what the sentence is about) – usually it is at the beginning
2. verb (action; what the subject is doing) – usually it is after the subject
3. complete thought

Ex. Because I like chocolate.
When it rains.
Through the roof.

connecting words (conjunctions) – and, or, but, yet, because
Don't start sentences with these because it makes your sentence a fragment.

Ex. And my little dog, too.
Or with ice cream.
Because my grades are bad.

run-on sentences – these have more than one complete thought; they can be separated into two sentences.

Ex. I went to the mall my friend Sherry was there.
I went to the mall. My friend Sherry was there.

She loves to bake brownies I eat them all.
She loves to bake brownies. I eat them all.

, and I went to the mall, and my friend Sherry was there.

; (if both sentences closely relate) I cooked tacos; everyone ate them.

infinitive (to + a verb) to run, to jump, to play

prepositional phrase (to the store, to the moon, to my locker) – any place a mouse can go