

COMPLETE AND INCOMPLETE SENTENCES

What is a Complete Sentence?

A complete sentence begins with a capital, ends with punctuation, and makes sense. A complete sentence has a subject and a predicate. The subject tells who or what the sentence is about. The predicate tells what the subject is, does, or has.

What is an Incomplete Sentence?

Any sentence that does not begin with a capital, end with correct punctuation, or make sense is incomplete.

There are four kinds of complete sentences.

Statements tell. Example: You can write a good sentence. **Questions** ask. Example: Did you read all the directions?

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Try this!

Which of these sentences are complete?

- 1. I like to write good sentences.
- 2. Do you have a good pencil?
- 3. Don't forget to brush your teeth.
- 4. Brush your teeth now!
- 5. The teacher will give you a test booklet.
- 6. Birds fly.
- 7. Children learn.

If you said "All of them are complete, you are right!"





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