Sentence Fragments

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **complete sentence** has a **subject** (who or what) and a **predicate** (what they do or are), and it makes sense on its own. A **fragment** is missing one of these: *Ran to the bus.* (Who ran?)

Test: Ask *Who or what?* and *Did what?* If you can't answer both, it's a fragment.

1. Sentence or fragment?

Circle **sentence** if it is complete, or **fragment** if something is missing.



1	The children ran to the bus.	sentence	fragment
2	Ran to the bus.	sentence	fragment
3	After the storm.	sentence	fragment
4	The puppy chewed my shoe.	sentence	fragment
5	My big brother.	sentence	fragment
6	Because it was raining.	sentence	fragment
7	We ate lunch outside.	sentence	fragment
8	Jumped into the pool.	sentence	fragment

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2. Fix the fragments

Add words to make each fragment a complete sentence.

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2. After the storm.

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3. My big brother.

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4. Because it was raining.

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5. Jumped into the pool.

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Answer Key

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2. Fix the fragments

Answers will vary. These are examples.

1. Ran to the bus.
   The children ran to the bus.
2. After the storm.
   After the storm, we splashed in puddles.
3. My big brother.
   My big brother plays hockey.
4. Because it was raining.
   We stayed inside because it was raining.
5. Jumped into the pool.
   Maya jumped into the pool.