



LITERACY WORKSHEET

Sorting Sentences 3

Complete Sentences

Complete sentences express a complete thought. They can be long or short. They have a **subject** that tells “who or what” and a **predicate** that tells the action the subject is doing or gives information about the subject.

Examples:

Caribou run fast across the frozen land.

Geese fly.

My mom Daisy went shopping at Northern, and then she visited her friend Doris.

At the end of the hockey game, I took off my skates and put away my hockey stick.

Sentence Fragments

Sentence fragments may look like sentences, but they are not complete. They might not tell who or what and so do not have a **subject**. They might not have a **predicate** and so are missing the action or information about the **subject**.

Examples:

The red pickup truck along the highway.

Ran across the finish-line to win the game.

While the waves on James Bay splashed into white foam on the beach.

Because dogs need to be fed every day.

Run-On Sentences

Run on sentences happen when two sentences are joined improperly. They may be joined with ‘and’, a comma (,), or no punctuation at all. This makes them confusing.

Examples:

I love our gym class my favourite game is dodgeball.

On our field trip we went to the high ground and listened to the Elders and we ate bannock and we went outside to walk in the forest.

My friends enjoy playing video games Monday we played Fortnite together.

Next weekend is my birthday party and I want all my friends to come because we will go to the swimming pool to have lots of fun.





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Draw a sentence sorting board like the one below or photocopy the sheet. Cut out the board.

Write the sentences on strips of paper or photocopy them and cut them out.

Turn the sentences over and make a pile of sentences.

Turn over a sentence. Read it silently or aloud. Decide whether it is a 'complete sentence', a 'sentence fragment' or a 'run-on sentence'. Place the sentence in the correct box on the sorting board.

21. Please get a chair and sit down at the table.
22. snow geese in the clear blue sky
23. caught his pants on the tree branch.
24. Alfred hid in the brush waiting for geese and listened to the radio and watched the sky and waited patiently.
25. Paddle quietly along the river toward camp.
26. When you go to the Co-op would you please buy me a roll of tape.
27. sick at the hospital
28. Snowshoes and skidoos and warm coats, mittens and hats are used in winter.
29. Wonderful colours on the water and in the sky.
30. My uncle and cousin like video games they came to play with us Saturday night.

Complete Sentence
Run-on Sentence
Sentence Fragment

