Simple Sentences and Fragments

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SIMPLE SENTENCE

- One independent clause
 - MAY contain any number of *phrases*
 - CANNOT contain dependent clauses



Example: I enjoyed eating cake on my birthday.

Independent Clause

Prepositional Phrase

Examples

- Look at the following examples. All of them are simple sentences. Underline the IC once, and the phrases twice.
 - My amazing teacher never gave us homework on the weekend.
 - The dog barked. Independent Clause
 After school on Friday, I went to the movies with my friends.
 The bell rang loudly. Independent Clause
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- Now try two on your own:
 - 1. Before class, I always chat with my friends in the hall.
 - 2. My mom cooks amazing dinners.



CAUTION! Common Sentence Error Ahead!

Sentence Fragments

- A phrase or dependent clause standing on its own
 - (Basically, it's anything masquerading as a sentence when it isn't one!)

EXAMPLES:

- Falling asleep at my desk.
- Although I love the park.
- The man that was running down the street.



Fix it:

- Add a subject
- Add a predicate (verb)
- Add an independent clause