

Simple Sentences and Fragments

8th Writing - Grammar

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



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