

Complete Sentences

A complete sentence contains a subject and a verb, and expresses a complete thought. A sentence fragment is missing a subject or a verb or both, so it does not express a complete thought.

Fragment Missing a Subject: Ran away from the dog.

Corrected: **The boy** ran away from the dog.

Fragment Missing a Verb: The colorful bird a nest.

Corrected: The colorful bird **built** a nest.

Circle whether each fragment is missing a subject or a verb. Then choose a phrase from the box to complete each sentence. Rewrite the fragment as a complete sentence.

crunched under our feet	hibernate in winter	my little sister
a NASA astronaut	an old steam train	has a deadly bite

1. Chugged into the depot.

subject verb

2. A coral snake.

subject verb

3. The dried fallen leaves.

subject verb

4. Wrote a book about going into space.

subject verb
