

Complete Sentences

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

Fragment Missing a Verb: Otters most of their life in water.

Complete Sentence: Otters **spend** most of their life in water.

Fragment Missing a Subject: Propel them through water.

Complete Sentence: **Their flattened tails** propel them through water.

Circle the phrase in () that tells what the fragment is missing. Rewrite the fragment correctly as a sentence using one of the phrases below.

1. Keeps its body from drying out. (missing a subject, missing a verb)
A reptile's skin Is useful

2. In the cold, reptiles. (missing a subject, missing a verb)
slow-moving become sluggish

3. Some reptiles in very cold temperatures. (missing a subject, missing a verb)
hibernate or snakes

4. Are found in many habitats. (missing a subject, missing a verb)
May exist Reptile homes

5. The heaviest reptiles saltwater crocodiles. (missing a subject, missing a verb)
are and alligators
