

What Is a Sentence?

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought.

Pam stood on the balance beam.
 Most of the players like the coach.
 Why did the lifeguard leave?

GRAMMAR
 LESSON



A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that does not express a complete thought.

Stood on the balance beam (Who stood on the balance beam?)
 Most of the players. (What about most of the players?)

Recognize complete sentences. Read each sentence carefully. Put **S** in the blank after each complete sentence. Put **F** in the blank after each fragment.

Example: Had put on his glasses. E

1. Can you walk on your hands? _____
2. Sings like Gladys Knight. _____
3. Angela called. _____
4. Behind schedule. _____
5. Ms. Tanner, the owner of the store. _____
6. Watches the news on television. _____
7. Why are you whispering? _____
8. The handle of the plastic milk carton. _____
9. The blue jacket in the closet. _____
10. Carefully picked the rabbit up. _____
11. Slowly James made new friends. _____
12. Nancy blinked. _____
13. The television screen is dusty. _____
14. Without any help from anybody. _____
15. Without any help, Lee fixed the engine. _____
16. Several members of the team. _____
17. Jumped over the wide puddle. _____
18. Had just finished lunch. _____
19. The principal of Lincoln High School. _____
20. Yellow curtains, blue walls, and a bright green rug. _____

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