Chapter 10

The Sentence

* Sentence:
* A word group that contains a subject and a verb and that expresses a complete thought.
* Begins with a capital letter and ends with a mark of punctuation.
* Fragment:
* Does not contain both a subject and a verb.
* Does not express a complete thought.

Examples

* Sentence:
* Sean was chosen captain of the soccer team.
* I love candy and ice cream.
* Stop! Run! (understood “you”)
* Fragment:
* Was a well-known football player.
* A butterfly with bright wings.
* Even though she had worked a long time.

Subject

* Tells whom or what the sentence is about.
* Aunt Louise found a beautiful antique lamp at the garage sale.
* The kitten with the white paws is called boots.
* How surprised we were!

Complete Subject

* Consists of all the words that tell whom or what the sentence is about.
* This includes adjectives!!
* Laughing and running down the street were two small boys.

* A sealed envelope rested near the edge of the desk.
* Are Dalmatians very good watchdogs?
* Can horses and cattle swim?

Simple Subject

* The main word or word group that tells whom or what the sentence is about.
* It is NEVER in a prepositional phrase.
* Leave out adjectives.
* There can be compound simple subjects.
* The dangerous trip over the mountain took four days.
* Someone in this room is about to get a big surprise.
* Pacing back and forth in the cage was a hungry tiger.
* A bus stop is at the end of our street.

Predicate

* Tells something about the subject.
* Marco’s brother delivers pizza.
* Under a large bush sat the tiny rabbit
* Does this copier staple and fold documents.

Complete Predicate

* Consists of a verb and all the words that describe the verb and complete its meaning.
* I walked on the sidewalk.
* The petite puppy walked slowly to the food bowl.
* On the tiny branch perched a chickadee.

Simple Predicate

* A verb that is the main word or word group that tells something about the subject.
* Many birds fly south before winter.
* These books are available in the media center.
* Our English class is reading the novel *Frankenstein*.
* The musicians have been rehearsing since noon.

Compound Subject

* Consists of two or more connected subjects that have the same verb.
* Keshia and Todd worked a jigsaw puzzle.
* Either Carmen or Ernesto will videotape the ceremony tomorrow.
* Among the guest speakers were an astronaut, and engineer, and a journalist.

Compound Verb

* Consists of two or more verbs that have the same subject.
* The dog barked and growled at the stranger.
* The man was convicted but was later was found innocent of the crime.
* Some plants sprout, bloom, and wither quickly.