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## CORRECTING SENTENCE FRAGMENTS

A sentence has a subject and a predicate, and it expresses a complete thought. Sometimes a group of words may look like a sentence but is actually a sentence fragment. A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that does not express a complete thought. You must add words or phrases to sentence fragments to form complete sentences.

**Sentences**

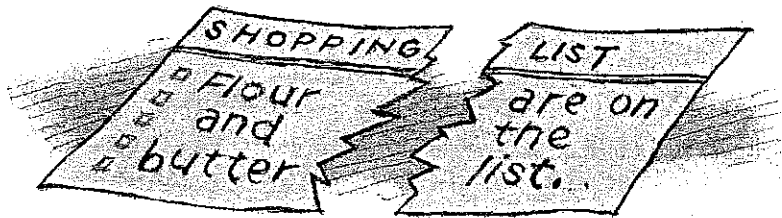
Jennifer and I planned a surprise.

We thought about the surprise all week.

**Sentence Fragments**

As a present for our mother.

Made a shopping list.

**Guided Practice**

Tell which groups of words are sentences and which are sentence fragments.

**Example:** Looked through a cookbook. *sentence fragment*  
I found a simple recipe. *sentence*

1. Sat at the kitchen table.
2. Jennifer watched me gather the ingredients.
3. I put the utensils on the counter.
4. Studied the recipe.
5. To the store for ingredients.

**THINK**

- How can I decide if a group of words is a sentence fragment?



## REMEMBER

- A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that does not express a complete thought.
- You must add words or phrases to sentence fragments to form complete sentences.

### More Practice

Decide which group of words in each pair is a sentence fragment. Add words to make the fragment a complete sentence. ~~Write the new sentence.~~ Label each complete sentence. *Add required words to correct sentence fragments*

*example* Example: Took the list.     Jennifer took the list.

- She had* 6. Gone for a long time.
7. Jennifer often takes a long time at the store.
- Dad* 8. Reads the labels carefully.
9. I cleaned up the house.
10. Made the beds and washed the dishes.
11. Still had time for more work.
12. The floor needed.
13. I used the buffing machine.
14. Came into the kitchen.
15. She had bought the wrong kind of flour.
16. No time for another shopping trip.
17. I was not angry at her.
18. We can surprise our mother another time.
19. Mother came home.
20. Really pleased and happy.



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## WRITING APPLICATION A Recipe

Write a recipe or set of instructions for preparing a dish. In your recipe, include the ingredients needed to make this dish. Then tell your reader what to do with each ingredient. Exchange recipes with a classmate. Underline any sentence fragments in each other's recipes.

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## Correcting Sentence Fragments

Sometimes a group of words can look like a sentence but is really not a sentence. It is a sentence fragment.

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

Entered a kite contest.

You can add words to a sentence fragment to make it into a complete sentence.

Jake and I entered a kite contest.

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A. Circle each sentence. Underline each sentence fragment.

1. When the kite contest was first announced.
2. Contestants make their own kites.
3. Then they fly the kites.
4. The most beautiful kite of all.
5. The kite with the best and longest flight.
6. I built an unusual box kite.
7. Built a very colorful dragon kite.
8. Was at least eight feet long.

B. Each group of words is a sentence fragment. Add words to change each sentence fragment into a sentence. Write the sentence. ←

9. Flew for fifteen minutes.

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10. For the first minute.

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11. Soon the three judges.

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12. Won second prize.

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