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Sentences and Sentence Fragments A

1a. A ***sentence*** is a word group that contains a subject and a verb and that expresses a complete thought.

A *sentence fragment* is a word group that looks like a sentence but does not contain both a subject and a verb or does not express a complete thought.

SENTENCE FRAGMENT	Those on board the sailboat. [no verb]
	Shouted to the swimmers near the shore. [no subject]
SENTENCE	Those on board the sailboat shouted to the swimmers near the shore.

EXERCISE Identify each of the following word groups as a sentence or a sentence fragment. On the line provided, write *S* for *sentence* or *F* for *sentence fragment*.

Examples S **1.** Last Saturday, Antonio and his friends went to the beach.

F **2.** A day that they will not soon forget.

_____ **1.** Antonio and his friends in the bay.

_____ **2.** They spotted a shark swimming toward a sailboat.

_____ **3.** One of the sailboats nearby.

_____ **4.** Efforts to distract the shark.

_____ **5.** The people on the shore shouted at the swimmers.

_____ **6.** The shark opened its huge jaws.

_____ **7.** As close to the shore as this shark was.

_____ **8.** The fast-moving shark swam under one of the sailboats.

_____ **9.** On its way toward shore.

_____ **10.** Slicing the surface of the water.

_____ **11.** The swimmers could see only the fin on the shark's back.

_____ **12.** Everyone on the beach continued to wave and shout.

_____ **13.** Swam toward shore with all their strength.

_____ **14.** With much help from the lifeguards.

_____ **15.** When they reached the shore.

_____ **16.** The swimmers were trembling.

_____ **17.** After they realized that they were safe.

_____ **18.** Later, the swimmers spoke to news reporters and photographers.

_____ **19.** The lifeguards closed the beach.

_____ **20.** And sent everyone away.

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