

SENTENCE OR FRAGMENT?

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

A **fragment** is a separated part of a sentence that does not make a complete thought.

After you clean your room. (fragment)

You can watch tv after you clean your room. (sentence)

Writing a paragraph. (fragment)

Writing a paragraph was the next thing on the agenda. (sentence)

A. Write *S* before each group of words that would make a sentence if a capital letter and a period were added to it. Write *F* before each group of words that is a fragment.

_____ 1. fire burns

_____ 11. is writing a letter

_____ 2. full of apples

_____ 12. at my home by the sea

_____ 3. he stood on the hill

_____ 13. go home at once

_____ 4. after dinner

_____ 14. do not tease the dog

_____ 5. eating a red apple

_____ 15. during a storm

_____ 6. pies taste good

_____ 16. always do what is right

_____ 7. the earth is round

_____ 17. Jesus healed the deaf man.

_____ 8. roses smell sweet

_____ 18. wasting his time

_____ 9. I fished in the stream

_____ 19. eagles' wings are strong

_____ 10. helping his dad

_____ 20. clouds float in the sky

B. In the sentences above, place a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence. Place a period at the end of each sentence.

Example: ^F
_____ *S* 1. fire burns .