

**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:** <sup>F</sup>  
S 1. fire burns .