

## What Is a Sentence?

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

Pam stood on the balance beam.  
Most of the players like the coach.  
Why did the lifeguard leave?

GRAMMAR  
LESSON



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

Stood on the balance beam (Who stood on the balance beam?)  
Most of the players. (What about most of the players?)

**Recognize complete sentences.** Read each sentence carefully. Put **S** in the blank after each complete sentence. Put **F** in the blank after each fragment.

Example: Had put on his glasses. F

1. Can you walk on your hands? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sings like Gladys Knight. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Angela called. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Behind schedule. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ms. Tanner, the owner of the store. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Watches the news on television. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why are you whispering? \_\_\_\_\_
8. The handle of the plastic milk carton. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The blue jacket in the closet. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Carefully picked the rabbit up. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Slowly James made new friends. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Nancy blinked. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The television screen is dusty. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Without any help from anybody. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Without any help, Lee fixed the engine. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Several members of the team. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Jumped over the wide puddle. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Had just finished lunch. \_\_\_\_\_
19. The principal of Lincoln High School. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Yellow curtains, blue walls, and a bright green rug. \_\_\_\_\_

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