

8.1–2 Sentences and Sentence Fragments

Key Information

A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. Each sentence has a **subject part** that names whom or what the sentence is about and a **predicate part** that tells what the subject does or has. The predicate may also tell what the subject is or is like.

There are four types of sentences: **declarative**, **interrogative**, **exclamatory**, and **imperative**.

A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that lacks either a subject, a predicate, or both. A fragment does not express a complete thought.

■ A. Identifying Types of Sentences

Decide whether each item is a sentence or a sentence fragment. If it is a sentence, write whether it is *declarative*, *interrogative*, *exclamatory*, or *imperative*, and add the correct end mark. If it is a sentence fragment, write *fragment*.

1. I will be there by 8:15 in the morning _____
2. Saving a seat for me _____
3. Please be on time _____
4. Ouch! I stubbed my toe _____
5. What do you know about that speaker _____
6. I can count on you _____
7. Pick up your books and go to the exit _____
8. Can't recall ever hearing a better speech _____

■ B. Writing Complete Sentences

Correct the following fragments by writing them as complete sentences.

1. At least once a week

2. Definitely will not

3. After school on the playground

4. No one in the room
