# Parts of Sentence

ARTICLES: a, an, and the.

**NOUN**'s the name of anything, As: school or garden, toy, or swing.

ADJECTIVES tell the kind of noun, As: great, small, pretty, white, or brown.

VERBS tell of something being done: *To read, write, count, sing, jump,* or *run*.

ADVERBS: How things are done the, As: slowly, quickly, badly, well.

**CONJUNCTIONS** join the words together, As: men *and* women, wind *or* weather.

The **PREPOSITION** stands before A noun as: *in* or *through* a door.

The **INTERJECTION/EXCLAMATION** shows surprise As: *Oh, how pretty! Ah! how wise!* 

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## Subject And Predicate



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#### What's a sentence?

- He smiles.
- Autumn leaves twirled gently to the ground.
- Delhi Mall will open an outdoor ice skating rink in November.

#### Subject/Predicate

 It needs two parts to be a sentence: a subject and a predicate.

- The subject tells us who or what.
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Who or what? What about it?

- He smiles.
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- Children play

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- The neighbourhood children play basketball at the community centre.
  - Students in the biology lab studied cells under an electron microscope.
- We can expand the idea by adding adjectives:
- Old magazines are stacked under the kitchen table.
- The weekend seminar explains how to start a small business.
- Meditation helps create a peaceful mind and healthy body.

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- We can expand the idea by adding adverbs:
- Airline employees worked diligently to reschedule our flights.
- We carefully loaded the van with furniture.

The driver realized immediately that he had missed the exit.

We can also add prepositional phrases:

The windows rattled in the winter storm.

We loaded our hamburgers with ketchup, mustard and onion.

Some car dealers make most of their profit on parts and services.

- Subjects and predicates connect directly. Do not separate them with a comma.
- **Incorrect**: Carlos and his family, showed me that honor is more important than winning.
- Correct: Carlos and his family showed me that honor is more important than winning.
- A sentence has two parts
- that these two parts can be expanded
- that they connect to form a sentence.

- A sentence is not determined by length (2 wheels, expandable)
- Writers mark end of who or what and what about it with a period

#### **Dependent Clauses**

- Dependent clauses cannot stand alone. They are like baskets that need to be attached to a basic sentence.
- One kind of dependent clause begins with a subordinating conjunction.

- When the music began
- Everyone started to dance.
- When the music began, everyone started to dance.
- Eg of Dependent Clauses
- As soon as it stopped raining
- Because I registered early
- When we need a quiet place to study

- Dependent Clause placed before the sentence
- As soon as it stopped raining, we saw a double rainbow.
- Because I registered early, I got the classes I wanted.
- When we need a quiet place to study, we go to the library.
- Dependent clause placed after the sentence
- We saw a double rainbow as soon as it stopped raining.
- I got the classes I wanted because I registered early.
- We go to the library when we need a quiet place to study.

- Another kind of dependent clause begins with the relative pronouns who, which, and that.
- who works part-time
- which includes a swimming pool
- that is parked in my driveway
- These clauses are not sentences and they do not have the complete meaning

# Dependent Clauses attached in the middle of the sentence

- Frank, who works part-time, will be our guide.
- The new fitness center, which includes a swimming pool, will open in February.
- The car that is parked in my driveway is Henry's.

#### Back of the sentence

- We are making pasta for the Richardsons, who do not eat meat.
- I have tickets to the jazz festival, which begins at noon.
- Karen likes books that have a happy ending.

#### Basic sentence to support

- The new fitness centre, which includes a swimming pool, will open in April.
- Basic sentence: The new fitness centre will open in April.
- Dependent Clause: which includes a swimming pool

Dependent clauses are not sentences, they need to be attached to a sentence

#### **FRAGMENTS**

- Disconnected dependent clauses
- As soon as I understood the problem. I thought of a solution.
- I was not responsible. When I was sixteen.
- The village will enlarge the parking lot. Which serves weekday commuters.
- Let's rent the same movie. That we saw last weekend.

### Disconnected description and detail

- It was an easy task. Especially for someone so small.
- The corporation provides employees with benefits. Like medical insurance and a pension.
- We have ordered everything on the menu. Except fried buffalo wings.
- We put an ad in the Lake Norman Times. Our local newspaper.

# Disconnected -*ing* and –*to* fragments

- I sprinted down the street. Trying to catch the train.
- The scientists continued their research. Hoping to find a cure.
- To celebrate their anniversary. They are going to Asheville for the weekend.
- We walked up sixteen flights of stairs. To prove to ourselves we could do it.

We can correct the fragments by attaching all to the sentence.

### Front fragments

- Earlier this spring, the viaduct was closed because of flooding.
- Eight months ago, we bought a truck.
- By the time we got home, it was dark.
- Irritable after a long day at work, we took a nap before studying.

#### Middle fragments

- My little brother, unable to sleep, turned on the light.
- The elderly couple, walking slowly up the driveway, waved at their grandchildren.
- A modern art gallery, funded by a million dollar grant, is under construction.
- John Jackson, a friend since grade school, is my math tutor.

### **Back Fragments**

- Jeff wants a hybrid, his best hope for good gas mileage.
- A gentle rain fell throughout the night, lulling us to sleep.
- We are building a home with Habitat for Humanity, a national volunteer program.
- Everyone wants to leave at noon, even my sister.

- Punctuation to mark the expansion
- If you begin a sentence with a Dependent Clause use a comma to mark where the addition ends and the basic sentence begins.
- According to the weather report, tomorrow will be hot and humid.
- If the clause interrupts the sentence, commas are used to show readers where the addition begins and ends.

Eg: The art gallery, which opens this weekend, features local artists.

- If the expansion is attached to the end of the sentence, the comma shows readers where the addition begins.
- Eg: The award was given to James Johnson, the most respected person in our town.
- How sentences work\*
- how the whole communicates meaning
- how the parts relate to the whole
- how punctuation signals these connections.