



Sentence Structure (page 1)

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought, asks a question, or issues a command. A sentence usually contains a subject (noun) and predicate (verb), and must express a complete thought.

A **simple sentence** has one independent clause, or one group of words that can stand alone as a complete thought.

Examples of simple sentences:

- The dog ran.
- The black dog ran. [Added the adjective "black".]
- The black dog ran swiftly. [Added the adverb "swiftly".]
- The black dog ran swiftly around the yard. [Added the prepositional phrase "around the yard".]

Each is a simple sentence because the sentence has a subject (dog) and a predicate (ran), expresses a complete thought, and can stand alone.

Write if each group of words is a sentence or a phrase.

1. Our grey cat. _____
2. Our grey cat slunk under the bed. _____
3. The thunder scared my brother. _____
4. Ran under the ladder. _____