

WHAT IS A FRAGMENT?

- A fragment is a group of words that is punctuated as a sentence but is NOT a sentence.
- A fragment may be missing a **subject**.
- A fragment may be missing a **verb**.
- A fragment does not express a **complete thought**.

Went to the game. (Who went to the game? No subject!)

My very best friend. (Friend did what? No verb!)

When we arrive. (What happens? Not a complete thought!)

Identify if the groups of words below are sentences or fragments. If the group of words is a sentence, write sentence on the line and underline the sub once and the verb twice. If the group of words is a fragment, correct it to be a sentence.

Example: Sitting by the window. My friend was sitting by the window.
They were happy. sentence

1. Gently drifted over the calm blue waters. _____
2. The jet plane soared out of sight. _____
3. Spent only part of her allowance. _____
4. Your dad certainly is in a good mood. _____
5. The big gray dog at the end of my block. _____

Name: _____

Fragments & Sentences

If the group of words is a complete sentence, write the letter S on the line.
If the group of words is a fragment, write an F on the line.

- _____ 1. Yesterday when I got off the school bus.
- _____ 2. My friend Sheila and I saw a brown toad hopping on the sidewalk.
- _____ 3. Yelled and screamed when she saw it.
- _____ 4. My friend Sheila, who is scared of all reptiles.
- _____ 5. I picked up the toad and looked closely at it.
- _____ 6. Had dry, bumpy skin on its body.
- _____ 7. Sheila said, "I don't want to see that ugly toad!"
- _____ 8. Said, "Then close your eyes Sheila."
- _____ 9. Sheila was mad and she ran off.
- _____ 10. I put the toad in my backpack.
- _____ 11. Took it home to show my brother.
- _____ 12. My brother wasn't home from school yet.
- _____ 13. Then I put the backpack on the living room sofa.
- _____ 14. The toad was still inside.
- _____ 15. My mother opened the backpack to see what homework I had.
- _____ 16. Hopped out of the backpack and began jumping around the living room floor.
- _____ 17. Screamed loudly!
- _____ 18. Do you think my mother will let me keep the little brown toad?

