

Lesson 1-Building Complete Sentences

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

A complete thought contains at least **one subject** and **one verb**, but it can contain much more than that.

Examples

Complete Sentences

- I am happy.
- She has a book.
- They study English.

Not Complete Sentences

- Happy.
 - My book.
 - Running fast.
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What Is a Subject?

The **subject** of a sentence is **who or what is doing or being something**.

It is usually a **noun** (a person, place, or thing) or a **pronoun**—a word that takes the place of a noun (**I, you, he, she, it, we, they**).

Examples

Sentence	Subject
I am happy.	I
The dog is sleeping.	The dog
They study English.	They

What Is a Verb?

A **verb** is a word that shows **an action** or **a state of being**.

Action Verbs

- run
- eat
- study
- write
- sleep

State of Being Verbs

- am
 - is
 - are
 - was
 - were
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Practice

Read each sentence.

Circle the **subject**.

Underline the **verb**.

1. I am a student.
 2. She has a new phone.
 3. We study English.
 4. The teacher is happy.
 5. They play soccer.
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Remember

Every complete sentence has:

- A subject
- A verb

- A complete thought

As you continue through Stage 0B, you will learn how to build longer and more natural English sentences.

Goal

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what a sentence is.
- Identify the subject.
- Identify the verb.
- Recognize a complete thought.

Great job!

Now continue practicing with the ETKB Foundation 0B Premium Practice Pack #1 – Building Complete Sentences.

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Building Complete Sentences

Page 1 – Understanding Complete Sentences

Part A – Sentence or Not a Sentence?

Write **Sentence** or **Not a Sentence**.

1. I am happy.
 2. My teacher.
 3. We study English.
 4. Running fast.
 5. They have a car.
 6. Blue backpack.
 7. She is my friend.
 8. In the classroom.
 9. The children are playing.
 10. My new phone.
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Part B – Circle the Complete Sentences

1. He is tired.
 2. My family.
 3. We play soccer.
 4. Beautiful flowers.
 5. They work every day.
 6. The dog is sleeping.
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Page 2 – Subjects and Verbs

Part A – Underline the Subject

1. I am a student.
 2. The teacher is kind.
 3. My brother has a new job.
 4. They study English.
 5. The baby is sleeping.
 6. We like pizza.
 7. My parents live in California.
 8. The bus arrives at eight o'clock.
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Part B – Circle the Verb

1. I **am** happy.
 2. She **has** a book.
 3. They **study** English.
 4. The baby **is** sleeping.
 5. We **play** soccer.
 6. My father **works** every day.
 7. The students **learn** quickly.
 8. My sister **writes** emails.
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Page 3 – Build Complete Sentences

Put the words in the correct order.

1. student / I / am
 2. English / study / We
 3. happy / They / are
 4. book / has / She / a
 5. teacher / The / is / friendly
 6. every day / works / Bob
 7. soccer / play / The children
 8. live / California / We / in
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Your Turn

Write three complete sentences.

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
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Page 4 – Find and Correct the Mistakes

Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. Bob go to work every day.
 2. She have a new computer.
 3. They is happy.
 4. We am students.
 5. The children plays soccer.
 6. He don't like coffee.
 7. My sister are tired.
 8. I has a question.
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Page 5 – Student A / Student B Speaking Practice

Student A

Ask your partner these questions.

1. Are you a student?
 2. Do you study English every day?
 3. Do you have a job?
 4. Are you happy today?
 5. Do you like learning English?
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Student B

Answer in complete sentences.

Then ask Student A the same five questions.
