

Sentences and Fragments

After a hearty breakfast, Riley went to the park. = Sentence

A **sentence** requires a subject, a verb, and a complete thought.

A **fragment** is a group of words that does not express a complete thought.

Sentence	Sentence
Tyler wasn't upset about losing his glasses.	Because he had another pair, Tyler wasn't upset about losing his glasses.
Evan will buy a new computer.	If they are cheap enough, Evan will buy a new computer.

Subordinating conjunctions like *because* join two thoughts in one sentence.

If a subordinating conjunction starts a sentence, it is still a sentence if it has two thoughts.

We can remember subordinating conjunctions with the acronym **SWABI**.

Common Subordinating Conjunctions (SWABI)				
since	when	after	because	if

Complete sentence or fragment?

While Pharrell Williams helped me learn how to juggle bowling balls.

Fragment

John Oliver wants me to teach him how to surf. If he buys me lunch, I will give him lessons.

Complete sentence

As long as Harper Lee doesn't eat all my fries before I get back.

Fragment

