



# Life Sentence

## Sentence Structure

### Suggested Responses

#### Comprehension Questions

1. A verb; a subject; an independent clause.
2. a) Claire travels  
b) Claire work
3. a) There is no verb in the sentence.  
b) Student answers may vary, however they must insert an appropriate verb:  
Claire and I **ate** dinner.
4. a) people; sun  
b) are; is shining  
c) and
5. People are on the beach. The sun is shining.
6. and; but; for; nor; or; so; and yet
7. It looks like Spain, **but** it is Italy.
8. a) Simple; it contains a subject, a verb and an independent clause.  
b) Compound; it contains two independent clauses and a co-ordinating conjunction.
9. A fragment is a clause or phrase that is incomplete and depends on other information. It is a dependent clause.
10. a) If my neighbour does not pay his rent on time.
11. A run-on sentence is full of independent clauses without conjunctions.
12. Student responses may vary, however an example response is below:

Claire was buying groceries. She was buying them in Mallorca, not here. She was buying souvenirs. Claire and I had dinner. Claire was actually on Skype, and I just set up my laptop on the table. Claire was eating in Spain, and I was eating here.





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#### Sentence Jumble

subject

verb

1. Margaret was very hungry.
2. She decided to go out.
3. The weather was cold.
4. She wore a jacket
5. The train was late.
6. The bus came on time.
7. There was a big restaurant.
8. There was a small restaurant.
9. The big restaurant was busy.
10. The music was loud.
11. Margaret preferred quiet restaurants.
12. She went to the small restaurant.
13. Margaret could choose Pizza Margherita.
14. She could choose pasta.
15. Margaret chose both dishes.
16. She could not finish them.

Student answers will vary, however an example response is below:

Margaret was very hungry, so she decided to go out. The weather was cold, so she wore a jacket. The train was late, but the bus came on time. There was a big restaurant, or there was a small restaurant. The big restaurant was busy, and the music was loud. Margaret preferred quiet restaurants, so she went to the small restaurant. Margaret could choose Pizza Margherita, or she could choose pasta. Margaret chose both dishes, but she could not finish them.

**Transcript** – For student and teacher use.

