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Fragments*

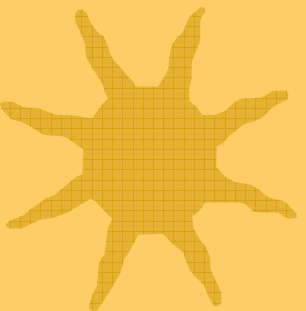
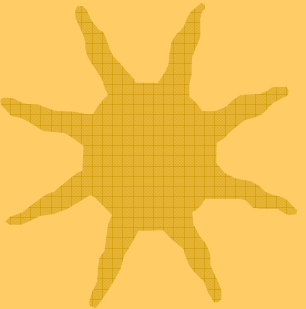
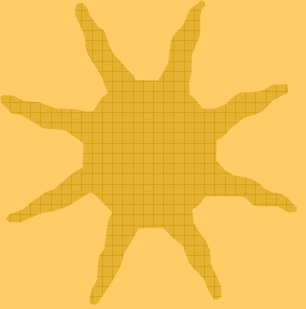


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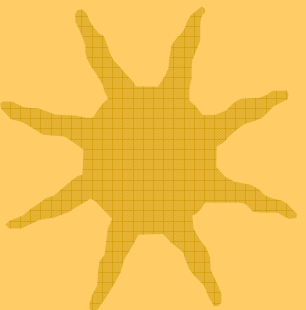
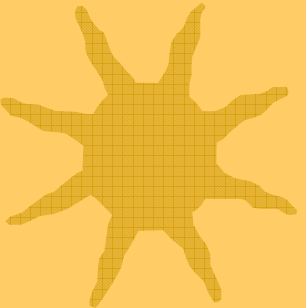
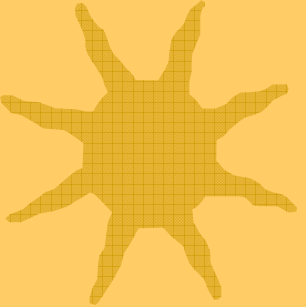




Do you know what a complete sentence is?

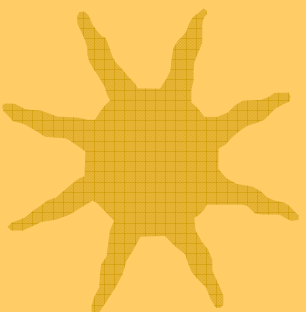
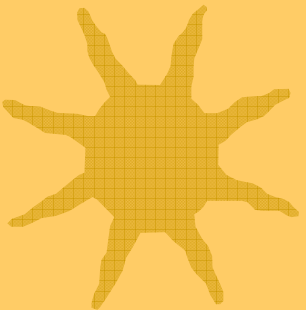
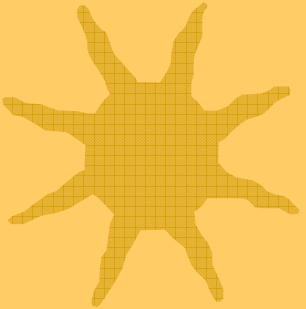


★ A **SENTENCE** is made up of one or more words that express a complete thought. A sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a period, question mark, or exclamation point.



What is a Fragment?

- ★ A **sentence** must have two characteristics:
 - ★ 1. It must have a subject and a predicate;
 - ★ 2. it must have independence or completeness.
- ★ If either of these characteristics are missing from a group of words written as a sentence, the result is an error called a **sentence fragment**.



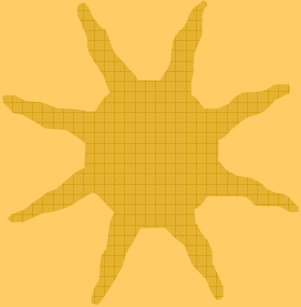
Let's look at some examples.

★ Sylvia feels happy this morning. Because the sun is shining. She is leaving early to take a walk in the woods.

★ "Because the sun is shining" is a sentence fragment.

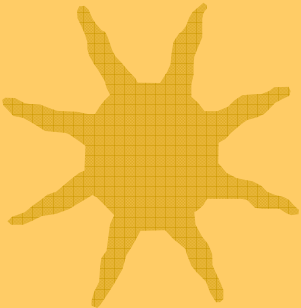


More examples



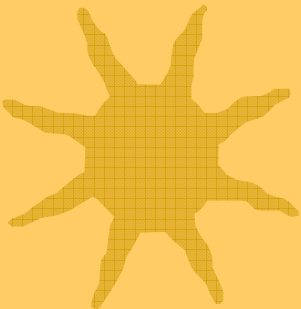
★ **Fragment:** I couldn't fall asleep. Although I was tired.

Correct : Although I was tired, I couldn't fall asleep.



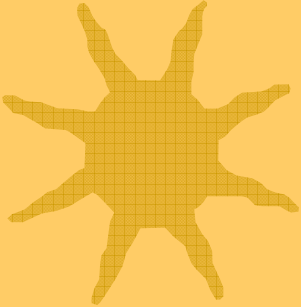
★ **Fragment:** I bought a 16-pound turkey. Which wasn't enough food.

Correct : I bought a 16-pound turkey which wasn't enough food.



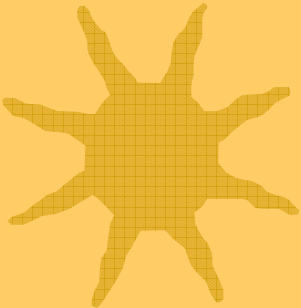


Take a look at these examples !



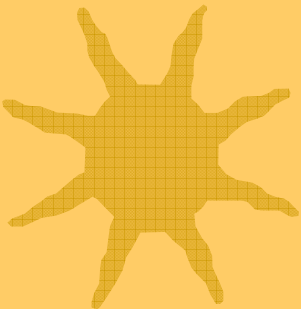
★ **Fragment:** He couldn't see that movie. Being only 14.

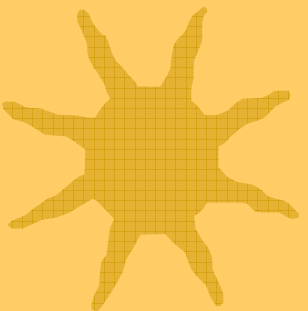
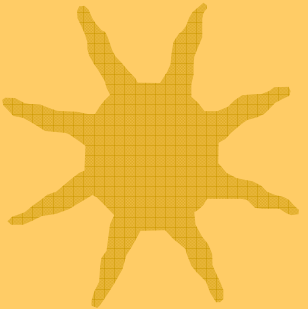
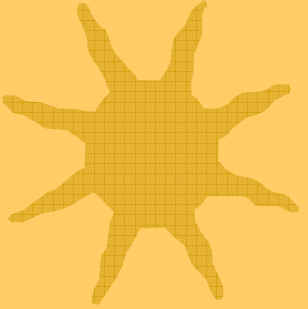
Correct : Being only 14, he couldn't see that movie.



★ **Fragment:** I bought a 16-pound turkey. To feed 25 people.

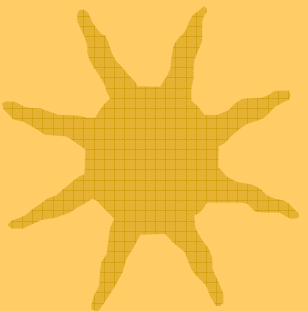
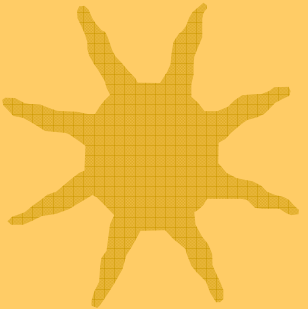
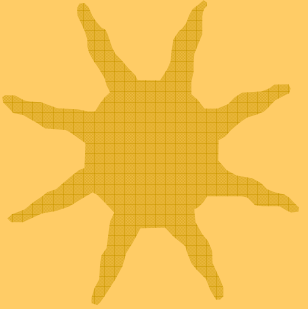
Correct : I bought a 16-pound turkey to feed 25 people.





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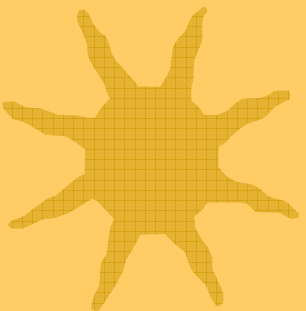
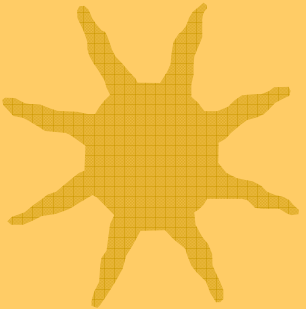
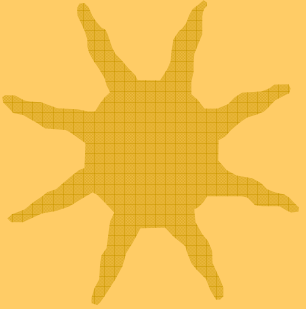


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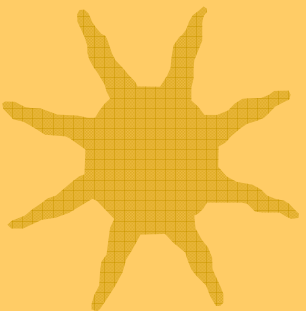
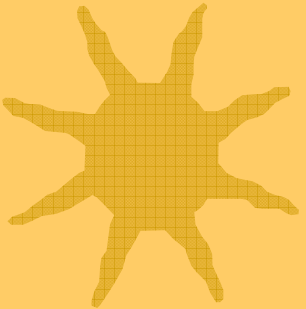
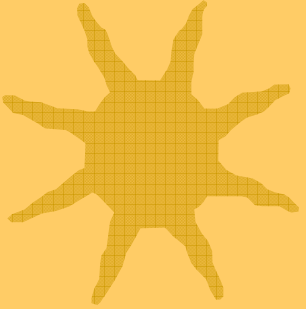
Which answer is written correctly?



- **In December we are flying to Rome for vacation it should be a wonderful trip.**
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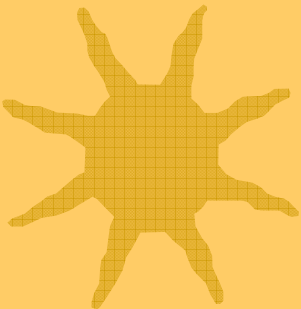
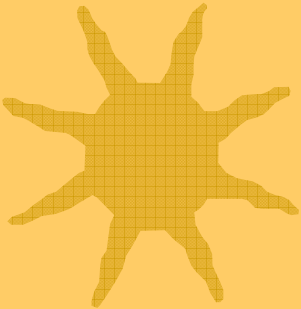
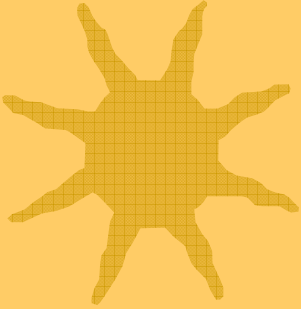
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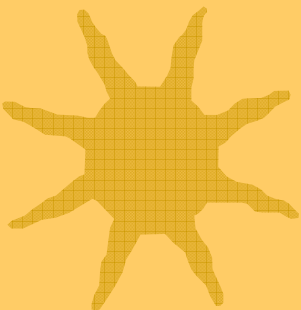
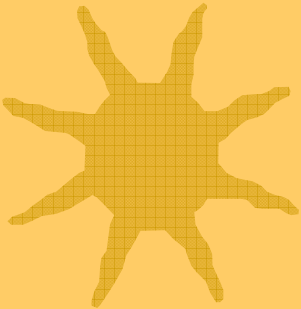
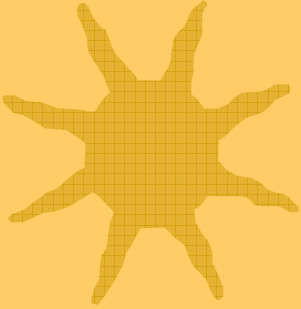
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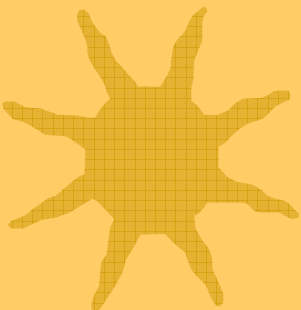
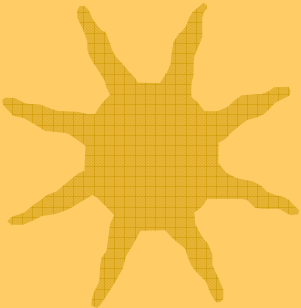
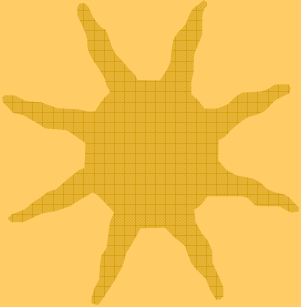


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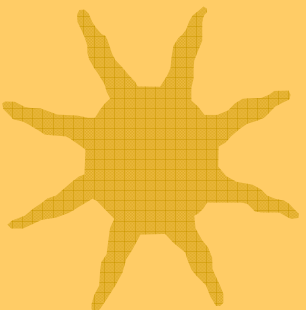
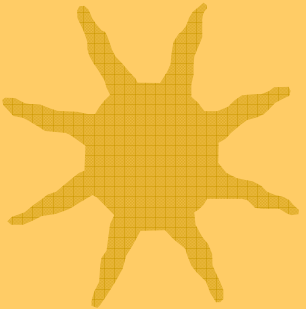
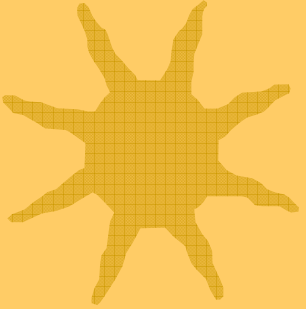
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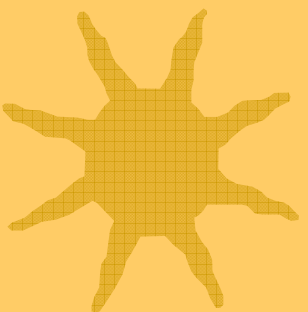
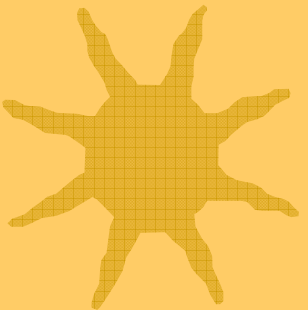
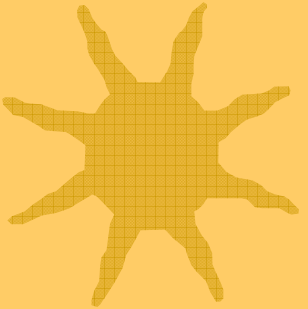
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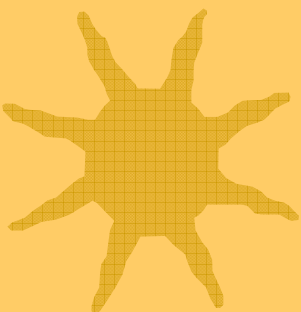
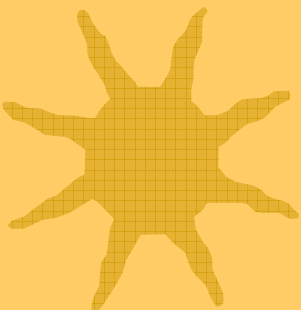
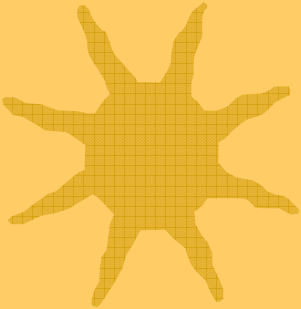


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