SENTENCE FRAGMENTS

Fragments are incomplete sentences. Usually, fragments are pieces of sentences that have become disconnected from the main clause.

Common Problems

A sentence fragment is punctuated like a sentence but does not contain all the parts a sentence requires.

All of these example sentences have missing information.

- Sometimes the subject is missing (Ate the salad.),
- Sometimes the predicate is missing (That scary ghost.),
- Sometimes there is no independent clause (When she didn’t call me).

How to Fix a Sentence Fragment

- To fix a sentence fragment which has no subject, add one (Sarah ate the salad.).
- To fix a sentence fragment which has no predicate, add one (That scary ghost haunts the old mansion).
- To fix a sentence which has no independent clause, add one (I was annoyed when she didn’t call me).

One of the easiest ways to correct a sentence fragment is to remove the period between the fragment and the main clause. Other kinds of punctuation may be needed for the newly combined sentence.

*Fragment
*Punctuation change

Examples:

**Fragment:** I need to find a new roommate. **Because the one I have now isn’t working out too well.**
Possible Revision: I need to find a new roommate because the one I have now isn’t working out too well.

Fragment: Mohawk offers many majors in engineering. Such as electrical, chemical, and civil engineering.

Possible Revision: Mohawk offers many majors in engineering, such as electrical, chemical, and civil engineering.

Sources:
