**Fragments**

* **Your Diagnosis.** Your sentences are short, choppy, and incomplete. They don’t make sense by themselves because each one doesn’t express a complete thought, including both a [**verb**](https://pensacolastate.instructure.com/courses/1325752/modules/items/17035060) (action word) and a [**subject**](https://pensacolastate.instructure.com/courses/1325752/modules/items/17150448)(the person, place, thing, or idea who is completing that action).
* **Your Treatment Plan**. Start at the very end of your paper, and read it backwards sentence-by-sentence. **Underline** any sentence that is missing necessary information. Each sentence must make sense on its own—without relying too heavily on nearby sentences!
* **The Cure!** Add the missing subject, verb, or necessary information to correct each of those sentences. In some cases, see if you can use a comma to attach the fragment to a nearby sentence.

 **Be on the lookout for…**

**Sentences that begin with an –ing word**

* + FRAGMENT: Think**ing** that she was already finished.
		- *Who was thinking? This sentence is missing a subject, so it is incomplete.*
	+ REVISED: Sara put her pen down, thinking she was already finished.

**Sentences that begin with the words “although” or “because”**

* + FRAGMENT: **Although** it was a warm day.
		- *What was happening…even though it was a warm day? This sentence is incomplete.*
	+ REVISED: He wore a heavy coat, although it was a warm day.
	+ REVISED: Although it was a warm day, he wore a heavy coat.
	+ FRAGMENT: **Because** he wasn’t enjoying the movie.
		- *What did he do as a result of not enjoying it? This sentence is incomplete.*
	+ REVISED: He refused to pay attention because he wasn’t enjoying the movie.
	+ REVISED: Because he wasn’t enjoying the movie, he refused to pay attention.

**Sentences that begin with FANBOYS connecting words (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)**

* + FRAGMENT: **And** that was the best day of my life.
		- *What was the best day? Why? This sentence is incomplete.*
	+ REVISED: She agreed to marry me, and that was the best day of my life.
	+ FRAGMENT: **Or** maybe he misunderstood it.
		- *Misunderstanding what, exactly? What other possibility exists? This sentence is incomplete.*
	+ REVISED: He didn’t seem bothered by the joke, or maybe he misunderstood it.

**Try it out! Complete the practice exercises on the OTHER SIDE of this page. ![C:\Users\jmillis\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WEYT8JLT\Light-Bulb[1].jpg]() 🡪**

**In the blank provided, write “S” if the group of words is a sentence, or write “F” if the group of words is a fragment.**

1. \_\_\_\_ Because I never mailed my application to the company.
2. \_\_\_\_ My father, an architect, designed the new bank building that we use.
3. \_\_\_\_ Loving the way that you did that!
4. \_\_\_\_At the end of the long trip that we had planned all year.
5. \_\_\_\_ Seeing the end of the tunnel, I relaxed and no longer worried.

**Correct each fragment below by adding words to make a complete sentence.**

1. Jim, who is the best player on the team

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1. Leaped above the rim and grabbed the rebound.

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1. Because we were prepared for the final exam.

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**Correct each fragment below by logically connecting the groups of words.**

1. Many people do not like abstract art. Because they do not understand it.

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1. The abstract art movement was started by some gifted artists. Like Miro and Kadinsky.

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1. Looking for new ways to see the world. Some photographers also joined the movement.

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