

SENTENCE FRAGMENTS

This is a sentence that **DOESN'T HAVE** a **SUBJECT** or lacks a **VERB** or is **NOT** a **COMPLETE IDEA**. Take a look at the following sentences:

Since Rosy came to Santiago. = What has she been doing in Santiago?

Because my dog loves it. = What does the dog love?

They both end too quickly so the person would have to ask some questions because they need more information to understand the idea. Sometimes the sentence has a subject, verb, and direct object, but it is still a sentence fragment. How? If a sentence contains one of any of the words below, the sentence requires a second part to finish the idea:

<p>after although as as if as soon as because before by the time</p>	<p>even if even though every time if in case in the event that just in case now that</p>	<p>once only if since the first time though unless until</p>	<p>when whenever whereas whether or not whichever whoever while</p>
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If you use prepositions (**about, above, by, in, to, etc.**) which are usually used to create prepositional phrases, you **MUST** add another part, or you will probably write a sentence fragment. How do we fix it?

<p>1. Attach the fragment to another sentence either before or after the sentence fragment:</p> <p>Fragment = <i>After seeing the doctor.</i> Fixed = I felt better after seeing the doctor.</p>	<p>2. Add a subject, verb, or both to make the sentence complete:</p> <p>Fragment = <i>In the washing machine.</i> Fixed = I found my other sock in the washing machine.</p>	<p>3. Remove the word or phrase that makes it a fragment, but don't change the meaning:</p> <p>Fragment = <i>While Rosy was in Talca.</i> Fixed = <i>Rosy was in Paris.</i></p>
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