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Sentence Fragments

A sentence fragment is an incomplete sentence. Fragments are not only grammatically incorrect, but they also tend to be confusing for the reader. Some examples of fragments are listed below. The portion written in **red** indicates a fragment.

1. (ex.) I'm wearing a sweater today. **Because it's cold out.**

A fragment such as this can be fixed by removing the period in between the two sentences to create one longer sentence. "I'm wearing a sweater today" is a full sentence. "Because it's cold out" is a phrase being used to add detail or context in this situation, and it is not a full sentence on its own.

(ex. corrected) I'm wearing a sweater today because it's cold out.

2. (ex.) She knew the speech by heart. **Which was impressive because it was a long one.**

This type of fragmented sentence can be fixed by changing the punctuation in between the two sentences. "She knew the speech by heart" is a full sentence. "Which was impressive because it was a long one" is a dependent clause that does not express a full thought. Join the sentences together by replacing the period with a comma.

(ex. corrected) She knew the speech by heart, which was impressive because it was a long one.

3. (ex.) **Apples from the grocery store.**

This fragmented sentence lacks a main verb and is an incomplete sentence. Fix the sentence by adding a main verb, which will add context to the phrase "apples from the grocery store."

(ex. corrected) We bought apples from the grocery store.

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