

Sentence Fragments

- A **sentence fragment** is **a grammatical error in which a word group that is not a sentence is punctuated as if it were.**
- To be a sentence, a word group must
 - have a subject
 - have a verb
 - express a complete thought
- Here are some **sentence fragments**:
 - Under the table.
 - *No subject or verb*
 - Talked loudly with her friends.
 - *No subject*
 - Walking along the sun-splashed Florida beach.
 - *No verb*
 - Because my brother believes in ghosts.
 - *Has a subject and a verb, but does not express a complete thought*
- Here are two ways **to fix a sentence fragment**:
 1. Make the fragment a complete sentence by adding a subject or verb or rewriting it in some other way.
 2. Attach the fragment to a nearby sentence (usually the preceding sentence).
- Here are **the four fragments above fixed**:
 - *The history book is lying* under the table.
 - *Subject and verb added to make a complete sentence*
 - *Professor Romanov* talked loudly with her friends.
 - *Subject added to make a complete sentence*
 - Walking along the sun-splashed Florida beach *delighted* Ida's grandmother.
 - *Verb added to make a complete sentence*
 - *We keep the house lights on at night* because my brother believes in ghosts.
 - *Fragment attached to a nearby sentence*