

Fragments - Shards of a Sentence

Every sentence needs at least one IC.

A Fragment is an incomplete sentence that typically occurs in one of the following ways:

1. Missing the Subject and/or Verb
2. A Phrase not attached to an IC
3. A Dependent Clause not attached to an IC

Sample Fragments (and how to fix them)

Missing Subject/Verb (Add S or V)	<i>Opened the door for me. (Who?)</i> A gentlemanly ninja opened the door for me.
Phrase (Attach to IC)	He ran through the woods. <i>Remembering the first time he was there.</i> He ran through the woods, <i>remembering the first time he was there.</i>
Dependent Clause (Attach to IC)	<i>Before the penguin let me ride him.</i> Before the penguin let me ride him, I had to read it a good book.