

Skill focus areas: Syntax, grammar, sentence structure

Subject and Verb:

I voted

Jill danced.

Trees bloomed.

Identify subject and verb

1. The golfer won.

2. Julia crashed the car

3. Her husband whined.

4. Artic tundra froze the landscape.

5. We huddled together.

What else do you need to know to make these fragments complete thoughts? Fix to be a sentence.

1. A wandering child

2. Running quickly and stopping infrequently

3. Rainy, then sunny in the afternoon.

A fragment is a piece of thought. TO fix add a subject or a verb.

List 5 subjects off the top of your head.

List 8 verbs.

List 2 fragment examples

Do these sentences have subjects and verbs? Fix any other errors you find. (possessive s)

1. Looking at the real estate market from a new perspective

2. My friend who teaches a yoga class

3. Your doctors appointment scheduled Wednesday

4. When the woman left

Where do we use fragments most commonly? Discuss context of fragments. Sometimes they’ll perfectly acceptable. But when? ; )

Run-ons

When our new boss gave us the new list of demands some were already in our schedule of things to do and some other tasks were not already delegated properly but would be scheduled as soon as possible.

Divide this sentence into the parts of the idea.

Subject=

Verb=

IDEA?

Correction: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sometime in the spring the weather is warm such as when the trees start to show they have survived the winter and are ready to blossom which shows that not all days in the spring are warm.

Subject=

Verb=

IDEA?

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When we go away on vacation I love to go skiing and when we go where it’s warm I’m always wishing that I was on the ski hill instead of sitting by the pool.

Subject=

Verb=

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We stood in line for hours and then, we stood in another line for hours, then the line didn’t move, we went home after standing in line for 2 hours.

Subject=

Verb=

IDEA?

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What are for ways to fix run-on sentences?

1. Divide into separate points

2. Change one or more commas to semicolons

3. insert a coordinating conjunction followed by a comma

4. make one clause dependent on the other.

With your specialist, make up run on sentences, then fix them.

Improve this email:

From: Joe Scissors

To: Miss. Fields

Subject: alterations

You and I talked about having your uniform altered. Are you ready to go ahead with it? Can you call me to let me know when you can? I’m happy to be fixing your uniform to fit you.

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Write an email for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pick character name). S/he wants to contact a university to request a tour. Available March 23 and wants to see if that date is possible. Her email is being sent to the director of the Toronto Academy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (pick place or institution). Write a formal letter to a request a tour.