

Fragments

1. Noun - Plural
2. Adjective
3. Noun

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Sentence _____ Noun - Plural : Incomplete thought

Most obvious fragments lack a subject or a verb

For my mom ? (WHAT for my mom?)No subject and no verb.

The most difficult sentence fragments to learn are dependent clauses.

Dependent _____ Adjective are dependent on other parts of the sentence and they cannot stand alone.

They have a _____ Noun and a verb so they look like complete sentences but they do not express that complete thought.

Because his car was in the shop ?(What did he do?)

After the rain stops ?(What then?)

When you finally take the test? (What will happen?)

Since you asked? (Will you get the answer?)

If you want to go with me ?(What should you do?)

The dependent clause and the independent clause can switch places, but the whole clause moves as one big chunk. Look at how these clauses switched places in the sentence:

Because his car was in the shop, John took the bus.

John took the bus because his car was in the shop.