

Fragments

A fragment is another kind of sentence error. The word fragment means a part of something. A sentence fragment is a part of a sentence. It is not a whole sentence.

Examples of Fragments:

- After I had an accident
- Before our teacher came in
- If I meet Tom
- Although Jonus is not Thai
- Because guns are weapons
- Who will work with us
- Which was painted by Sam
- Where a lot of tourists visit
- Whose father used to live here
- Which was hung over there
- While I was watching TV last night

The clauses above are fragments because they are dependent clauses. This means that they cannot stand alone. So they are not sentences because they must be joined with an independent clause to form a sentence.

Examples:

- After I had an accident, I was not healthy as usual.
- Before our teacher came in, we read our books.
- If I meet Tom, I will invite him to my home town.
- Although Jonus is not Thai, he can speak Thai very well.
- Because guns are weapons, we should ban using them.
- Anne Burton, who will work with us, is martha's sister.
- Susan likes the picture which was painted by Sam
- One of the most famous tourist attractions where a lot of tourists like to visit is Samui Island.
- Tom Hanks, whose father used to live here, is a movie star.
- The picture which was hung over there was very expensive.
- While I was watching TV last night, my sisters were doing their homework.

To correct fragments, students have to add an independent clause or a main clause which can stand alone as in the examples above.