

HOW TO AVOID
SENTENCE
FRAGMENTS

EXPLANATION:

- A **FRAGMENT** is an incomplete sentence.
- **FRAGMENTS** often occur for two different reasons:
 - Dependent clauses that have been separated from the rest of the sentence
 - Main clauses without verbs or subjects

EXAMPLE:

- ***Incorrect:***
 - **The Rot offers many different foods.
Such as pizza, hamburgers, sandwiches, and
tacos.**
- ***Correct:***
 - **The Rot offers many different foods, such as pizza,
hamburgers, sandwiches, and tacos.**
- **The clause listing all the foods is dependent
on the original sentence and needs to be
connected to it.**

EXAMPLE:

- ***Incorrect:***
 - **Dirty clothes all over my dorm room.**
- ***Correct:***
 - **Dirty clothes were lying all over my dorm room.**
- **The sentence is not complete without the verb to indicate what the subject is doing.**

PRACTICE:

- **The car would not start. Because of the battery, the transmission, and the spark plug.**
- **In addition to ending class early. My professor did not give a quiz.**
- **There are some fun places near campus. Such as the dollar theatre and many restaurants.**
- **The music, reverberating down the hallway, distracted me during class and my class did not get out early enough for me to study for my next class and the teacher did end up giving us a quiz for.**