

Fragments: Worksheet

Part I: Place an (S) next to the word group if it is a *sentence* (subject, verb, and complete thought). Place a (F) next to the word group if it is a *fragment* (cannot stand on its own and lacks a subject, verb, and/or complete thought).

- _____ 1. Because I could not sleep.
- _____ 2. The house that we bought was a great bargain.
- _____ 3. Ian, who is now an excellent student.

Part II: Correct each of the following *dependent-word* fragments by completing the thought, attaching them to a statement that makes sense when standing alone.

- 1. He made an early dental appointment. Which he did not intend to keep.

- 2. The store wanted to install cameras on Main Street. A place where several people have been victims of crime.

Part III: Correct each of the following *-ing and to* fragments by adding the fragment containing *to* or *-ing* to the “stand-alone” sentence that comes before or after it.

- 1. A sudden gust of wind blew through the desert. Ripping the tent from the ground.

- 2. She put on an extra coat and went outside into the freezing cold. To build a snowman.

Part IV: Correct each of the following *missing-subject* fragments by adding a subject or attaching the fragment to the sentence preceding it.

- 1. When Mary had her tonsils removed, friends told her to eat a lot of ice cream. Or drink smoothies.

- 2. California shares a border with Arizona and Nevada to the east. Also with Oregon to the north.

Fragments: Answer Key

Part I:

1. **(F)** Fragment
2. **(S)** Sentence
3. **(F)** Fragment

Part II:

1. He made an early dental appointment, *which* he did not intend to keep.
2. The store wanted to install cameras on Main Street, a place where several people have been victims of crime.

Part III:

1. A sudden gust of wind blew through the desert, ripping the tent from the ground.
2. She put on an extra coat and went outside into the freezing cold to build a snowman.

Part IV:

1. When Mary had her tonsils removed, friends told her to eat a lot of ice cream or drink smoothies.
2. California shares a border with Arizona and Nevada to the east, and also with Oregon to the north.