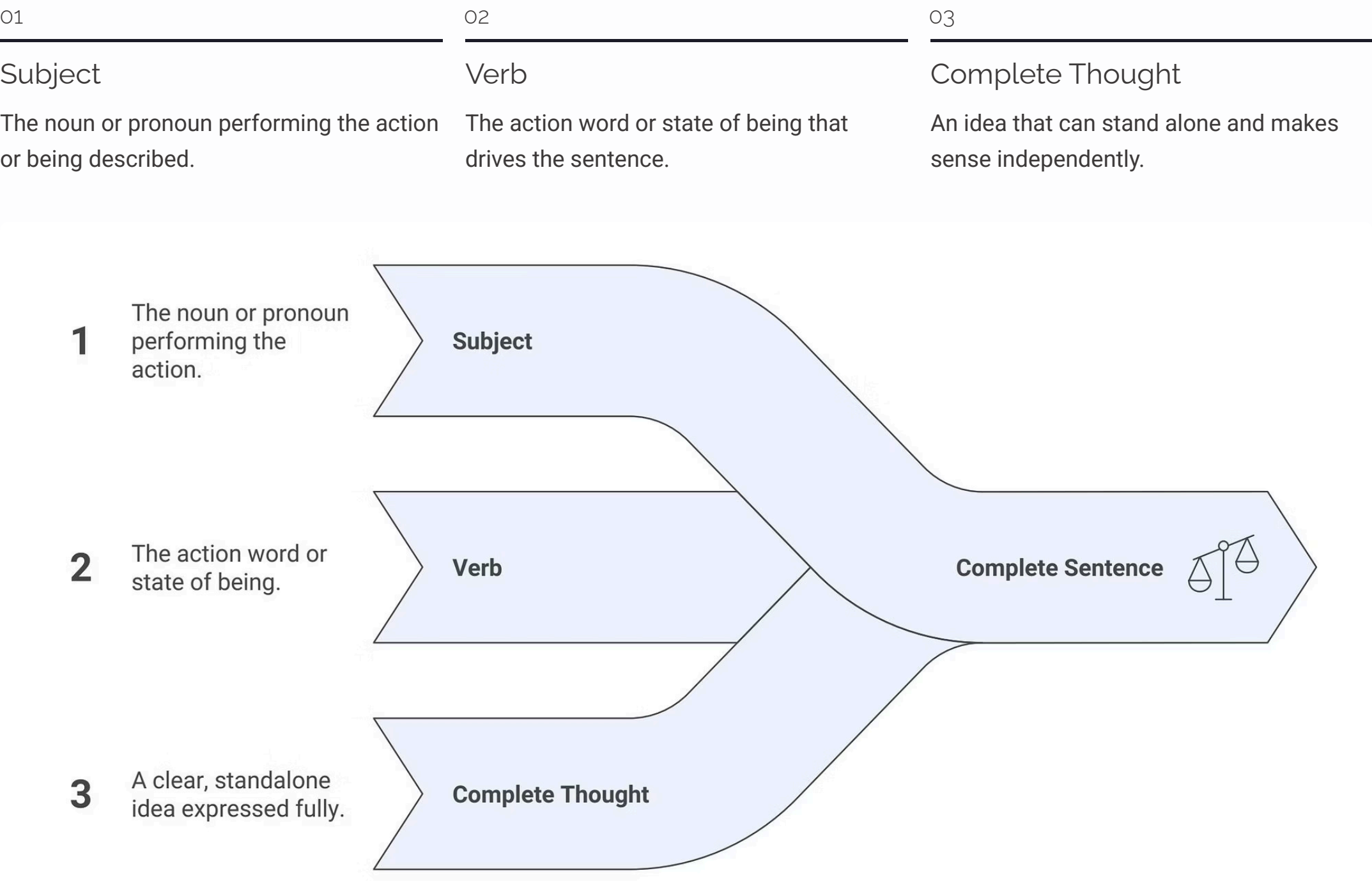


Sentence Fragments: A Comprehensive Guide

Master the art of identifying and correcting sentence fragments to create clear, effective writing. This guide covers essential components, common types, and proven correction techniques.

<h3>What They Are</h3> <p>Groups of words missing essential components: subject, verb, or complete thought.</p>	<h3>Why They Happen</h3> <p>Carelessness, misunderstanding structure, or confusion with phrases and clauses.</p>	<h3>How to Fix</h3> <p>Add missing elements, attach to nearby sentences, or rewrite for clarity.</p>
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Building Blocks of a Complete Sentence



Common Types of Sentence Fragments

<div>1</div> <div>Missing Subject</div> <div>Fragment: Went to the store.</div> <div>Correction: I went to the store.</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Missing Verb</div> <div>Fragment: The dog, very fluffy and playful.</div> <div>Correction: The dog is very fluffy and playful.</div>
<div>3</div> <div>Subordinate Clause</div> <div>Fragment: Because it was raining.</div> <div>Correction: We stayed inside because it was raining.</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Phrase Fragments</div> <div>Fragment: Running down the street.</div> <div>Correction: The children were running down the street.</div>

Correction Strategies

- 1

Add Missing Elements

Include the subject or verb needed for completeness.
- 2

Attach to Nearby Sentence

Combine related fragments with complete sentences.
- 3

Remove Subordinating Conjunction

Delete words like "because" or "although" when appropriate.
- 4

Rewrite Completely

Restructure to express the intended meaning clearly.

Practice Examples

1.

Walking through the park.

→ I was walking through the park.
2.

Although I was tired.

→ Although I was tired, I finished my work.
3.

Such as apples, bananas, and oranges.

→ I like fruits such as apples, bananas, and oranges.
4.

Before going to bed.

→ I brush my teeth before going to bed.

Key Takeaway: Always ask yourself: Does this group of words have a subject, a verb, and express a complete thought? If not, it's a fragment that needs correction.

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Pro Tip

Read your writing aloud. Sentence fragments often sound incomplete or awkward when spoken, making them easier to identify and fix.