Sentence fragments:

Sentence fragments are sentences which are missing a part of its structure, or there is an incomplete thought in the sentence.

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| Johnny gave his coat to Mary | | |
| Subject: Johnny | Verb: give (gave) | Object: The coat (receiving party of give) |

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| The cat chased the ball across the yard. | | |
| Subject: The cat | Verb: Chased | Object: the ball |

Identify what is missing in the following sentences:

1. Examine the behaviour of children.

He examined the behaviour of children.

1. John near the big tree.

John is going near the big tree.

1. Because he/she prepared lessons for training, I had stay behind to review the lesson contents.
2. First, the design problem. Very bland.

First, the design is very bland.

1. Playing in the match.

We are playing in the match.

1. Queues are long. Causing them to spend more time.

Because the queues are too long, they are spending more time.

Long queues are causing them to spend more time.

1. Students without suitable equipment for studying comfortably. Cannot keep up.

Students cannot keep up without suitable equipment for studying comfortably.

Students without suitable equipment for studying comfortably cannot keep up.

1. Teachers are supervising us. Hard for us to secretly play games on our phones.

Teachers are supervising us, so **it is** hard for us to secretly play games on our phones.

Common sentence starters:

**There are ……**

To describe that something exists

e.g. There are umbrellas near the door.

Milk in the supermarket.

Run on sentences:

A sentence composed of two separate sentences which are both complete is called a run on sentence.

e.g. The towels are hung out to dry will be completely dry at sunset.



Correction: The towels are hung out to dry. They will be completely dry at sunset.

Fixing run on sentences:

1. Separate them by a full stop
2. Add a comma
3. Use a connective

Correct the run on sentences:

1. My favourite pen is the one I am using right now I normally put it inside my bag.



My favourite pen is the one I am using right now, which is normally inside my bag.

1. They can meet more people learn from their strengths.

They can meet more people and learn from their strengths.

1. Making friends is important for you they can help you face difficulties in the future.

Making friends is important for you because they can help you face difficulties in the future.

1. I love to write essays I write one every week.

I love to write essays, so I write one every week.

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1. The farm is governed by the mayor he ordered to burn down the crops.

The farm is governed by the mayor, and he ordered to burn down the crops.

The mayor ordered to burn down the crops in the farm he governs.

1. The phone rang when I was doing my homework annoying me.

Prepositions:

In, on, at, into, through, with, by, to, of, …

First, Miss Kwok complained that our staff repeatedly stopped her from using her stove for her hot pot. We believe it must be mentioned that she was trying to use a gas stove at our venue. Since our bowling lane is registered with a clubhouse license, according to the relevant fire hazard regulations, we are not permitted to use any appliances with naked flames inside the rooms.

She sat on a bench in the park, sketching the trees in front of her. With her pencil, she drew lines on the paper, creating a scene filled with life. Suddenly, a bird flew overhead, and she looked up, watching it soar(fly) above/around the buildings. After a while, she stood up and walked to // towards the river, then she sat besides/next to the water, lost in her thoughts. As the sun set behind the horizon, she packed up her belongings and headed home, eager to continue her work with her partner.

The agents set off with their parachutes when they jumped out \_\_\_\_\_\_ the helicopter. The parachutes were deployed when the are 500 feet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the agency building that they are about to raid. They made a soft landing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the roof of the building and prepared to bust \_\_\_\_\_\_ it. They opened the door and instantly hid \_\_\_\_\_\_ a wall because they saw a guard walking by. Then, they slide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the table to check if the files they were after were \_\_\_\_\_\_ the cabinets under the table. Sadly, the files were not there. They snuck into the file server and accessed the computer. Just as they were about to hack the log-in page, they saw a brown file \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mouse. They glanced on it and discovered that it contained everything they needed. They hastily packed everything up and met up with their driver at the plaza just \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the building.

From:

The blanket is made in China // made from cotton.