

59. HOW TO IDENTIFY AND CORRECT FRAGMENTS (Incomplete Sentences)

1. At the beginning of each sentence, circle words that can create fragments.	2. Check to see that:	3. Correct any mistakes.
<i>After, Although, As, As soon as, Because, Before, Even though, If, Since, Though, Unless, Until, Who, Which, When, Where, While</i>	the group of words after a word such as <i>because</i> is connected to a complete sentence	<i>I am going to college. ^{because} Because I want a better job.</i>
<i>For example, For instance</i>	there is a complete sentence (containing a subject and verb) after <i>For example</i> or <i>For instance</i>	<i>For example, ^{S V} I could become a legal assistant or a detective.</i>

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ANSWER KEY

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