2) **Comma splices:** A comma splice is a sentence that joins two independent clauses with only a comma.

Incorrect: My friends are here, they are eating pizza.

To correct it, use **coordination**.

Correct: My friends are here, and they are eating pizza.

3) **Fragments:** A fragment is a dependent clause used as an independent one. It often starts with a subordinating conjunction.

Incorrect: After I left.

To correct it, use **subordination**, and add an independent clause.

Correct: After I left, I went shopping.
**Sentence Types:** There are **four** sentence types: Simple, Compound, Complex, Compound-Complex.

A sentence has to be complete in meaning.

**Example 1:** I saw a bird. This sentence is complete in meaning. It is an independent clause.

**Example 2:** After I left. This is not a sentence because it is not complete in meaning. It is a dependent clause.

**Simple Sentences**
A simple sentence is an independent clause. It has at least one Subject and one Verb.

- My friends are here.
- My friends and I are here.
- My friends and I are here and are eating pizza.

**Compound Sentences**
A compound sentence needs **two independent clauses** joined using coordination.

- My friends are here, and I am here too.
- My friends and I are here, and we are eating pizza.

(For more options on using coordination, check Useful Ways to Join Ideas)

**Complex Sentences:**
A complex sentence needs only one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

- After I left work, I visited my friends.
- After I left work, I visited my friend who is travelling tomorrow.
  (Underlined parts are dependent clauses)

**Compound-Complex Sentences:**
A compound-complex sentence needs at least **two independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.**

- My friend, who is an engineer, is travelling tomorrow, and he is going to Italy for two years.
- After I left work, I visited my friend who is traveling tomorrow, and I got her a gift.

(For more options on using subordination, check Useful Ways to Join Ideas)

**Sentence Errors:**

1) **Run-Ons:** A run-on is a sentence that joins two independent clauses without any punctuation and conjunction.

Incorrect: My friends are here they are eating pizza.

To correct it, **use coordination.**

Correct: My friends are here, and they are eating pizza.