



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.

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Sentence Types & Errors

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.