

## Varying sentences

In order to have an effective writing, you need to add variety to your sentences. there are two ways to use varying sentences:

1. you can vary the length of the sentences, which means breaking the too long sentences into smaller ones
2. The second way is to use different beginning for the sentences which means sometimes start the sentence with the subject, sometimes with an adverb, sometimes with a gerund or and infinitive or a prepositional phrase.

Check the examples on pages 441 and 442.

## Avoiding Sentence Problems (Page 444)

A complete sentence is the one which has a subject, a verb, and a complete meaning. There are some common errors that occur frequently, so you have to know them in order to avoid using them while writing.

1. **Fragments:** A sentence fragment is a statement that cannot stand alone as a sentence, even though it might look like it should be able to. A sentence fragment may be lacking a subject, a verb, or both. It might even contain words that look like subjects and verbs.

The fragments that most students have problem with are dependent (subordinate) clauses. They have a subject and a verb, so they look like complete sentences, but they don't express a complete thought. They're called "dependent" because they can't stand on their own Look at these dependent clauses. They need more information to make the thoughts complete:

Because his car was in the shop (...What did he do?)

After the rain stops (...What then?)

When you finally take the test (...What will happen?)

Since you asked (...Will you get the answer?)

If you want to go with me (...What should you do?)

Do these examples have a subject? Yes. Do they have a verb? Yes. Do they have complete meaning? No. how can we make them complete? We need to add a main or independent clause to them:

Because his car was in the shop, John took the bus.

Homework: 443, 447, 448

In the next pdf file I will provide you with the answers.

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if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Hope to see you again soon

Good Luck