

Very sentence fragments

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1 Very sentence fragments

Students often find it hard to start writing with the independent sentence. Study carefully the following ways of the very sentence fragments.

- **Begin the sentence with prepositional phrase**
Mary got married before she turned 20 years old (begin with the subject)
In her late thirties, Mary got married (begin with prepositional phrase)
- **Begin the sentence with a dependent clause**
He collected some silver clinking up the village
After clinking up the village, he collected his coin.
- **Begin the sentence with subject clause**
I thought that he got away (not needed)
My dream was that, I would be happy

2 Complete sentences take more complex sentences

Students often write in simple sentences without any ideas to combine sentences. Here are some of the techniques and some of the ways of combining sentences using words variety of grammatical phrases

Complete sentence using parallel structure

- (a) The boy likes the football in the library
- (b) He was president
- (c) + He likes the boy having taken the football in the library was president

Complete sentence using Parallel structure

- (a) He was thinking of the death of his father
- (b) He felt sad
- (c) + He was thinking of the death of his father, he felt sad

Complete sentence using Parallel structure

- (a) She had finished her job
- (b) She went into the computer room
- (c) + On finishing her job, she went into the computer room

Complete sentence using Parallel structure

- (a) He was defeated by the enemy
- (b) He decided to commit suicide
- (c) + He was defeated by the enemy, he decided to commit suicide