

Sentence Fragment

A complete sentence contains a subject and a conjugated verb. Sentence fragments disrupt a reader's comprehension because they generally do not complete the thoughts they begin. In most cases a fragment is a modifier or other sentence element that needs to be attached to an independent clause. Note the following examples:

Original	Revised
This limited warranty applies to any appliance that must be repaired due to manufacturers' defects. Defects coming from material or workmanship.	This limited warranty applies to any appliance that must be repaired due to manufacturers' defects in material or workmanship.
Auchincloss Corporation is not responsible for defects caused by normal wear and tear. Not being manufacturers' defects.	Auchincloss Corporation is not responsible for defects caused by normal wear and tear. These are not manufacturers' defects.

Experienced writers sometimes use sentence fragments for emphasis. Take care not to abuse this rhetorical device.