Module 2 Unit 4

Grammar: Sentence fragments

Summary

Incomplete sentences (sentence fragments) mainly happen because your sentence:

- has no verb at all;
- has no finite verb;
- begins with a conjunction that introduces a two-part structure, but you have only included one part of it;
- begins with a relative pronoun that should refer to previous information in the same sentence, but does not.

Check verbs are finite by asking whether they have a subject and show tense or modality.

Identify all conjunctions at the beginning of sentences, and ask whether you need a second clause to complete the information.

Identify all relative pronouns at the beginning of your sentences, and put the information they are referring to before them in the same sentence.