**Avoiding Fragments, Run-ons and Comma Splices**

1. **What is a Fragment?**

A fragment is a group of words that looks like a sentence but is missing a subject, a verb, or a complete thought; therefore, it is an *incomplete sentence*. The most common of these word groups are **dependent clauses, phrases** or **word groups** that start with an example or explanation of something mentioned in the previous sentence.

**Ways to correct Fragments:**

* Add what is missing (subject, verb, or complete thought)
* Attach the fragment to the sentence before or after it

1. **What is a Run-on (Fused sentence)?**

A run-on (or fused sentence): A **fused sentence** has two main clauses joined with no punctuation at all.

**Ways to Correct a Run-On:**

* Add a period to make 2 complete sentences
* Add a semicolon
* Add a comma and coordinating conjunction or a semi colon a conjunctive adverb followed by a comma.
* Add a subordinate conjunction

1. **What is a Comma Splice?**

A ***comma splice*** incorrectly joins two main clauses with a **comma**.

**Ways to Correct a comma splice**

* Insert a coordinating conjunction to create a compound sentence.
* Chang the comma into a semi-colon.
* Make separate sentences.