Sentence Fragments

Sentence fragments are incomplete sentences. They are often pieces of sentences that have been separated from the main clause by a full stop. The fragments do not make sense on their own.

There are two main types of sentence fragments:

1. The fragment has no subject or verb
   - Running down the street.

   Who is running down the street? We need to add a subject and an auxiliary (helping) verb, to make the fragment into a complete sentence.

   **Correction:** The child was running down the street.

2. The fragment adds extra information to the main sentence and often begins with which; it has a subject and a verb but does not make sense on its own. Sometimes, just the punctuation needs to be changed and a capital letter put into lower case.

   - The student had misunderstood the question and needed to rewrite her assignment. Which is why she was not at the party on Saturday night.

   **Correction:** The student misunderstood the question and needed to rewrite her assignment, which is why she was not at the party on Saturday night.

   - When the concert had finished and the applause had died away. Everyone hurried out of the theatre and climbed into the waiting buses.

   **Correction:** When the concert had finished and the applause had died away, everyone hurried out of the theatre and climbed into the waiting buses.

References
