Run On Sentences & Fragments!

- **Sentence fragments** are **sentences** that are incomplete; a **phrase** or **clause** that is punctuated like a complete sentence. There are many reasons why a **sentence** is **fragmented**:

- Lacks a **subject**:

- Many astropsychisists now believe that galaxies are distributed in clusters. **And even form supercluster complexes.**
Fragments!

- The fragment lacks a **verb**.

- Every generation has its defining moments. **Usually the events with the most news coverage.**

- It lacks both a **subject** AND **verb**.

- Researchers are engaged in a variety of studies. **Suggesting a link between alcoholism and heredity.**

- See note for sentence completeness test and more on revising **fragments**.
Time Out

- Pause.
- Take a breath!
- Questions!? 
Dependent Clauses!

- It is a dependent clause.
- A dependent clause contains both a subject and verb, but cannot stand alone as a sentence. It needs an independent clause to be complete.
- Recently retired ArchBishop Desmund Tutu was awarded the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize. Because he fought to end apartheid. (connect dependent clause to independent clause)
- See note for more on revising and attaching dependent clauses.
Phrases!

- **Phrases** provide information about other words or elements in a sentence.

- They lack a **subject**, **verb**, and cannot stand alone in a sentence.

- Often they are **MISSING INFORMATION**.

- Finally, a new home for the family. (missing **subject/verb**)

- See note for more on revising **phrases** with **transitions**.
Prepositional Phrases

- A prepositional phrase consists of a preposition, its object, and any modifiers of the object.
- To fix them, attach PP to an independent clause.
- Toni ran five miles. On the final day at Monmouth. (second sentence is a prepositional phrase)
- Toni ran five miles, on the final day at Monmouth.
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A run on sentence is an error that occurs when two independent clauses are joined incorrectly. This can happen via two ways:

- **Comma splices** occur when two independent clauses are joined with just a comma.
- Charles Dickens created the character of Mr. Micawber, he also created Uriah Heep.
Revising Comma Splices!

- Two independent clauses need a conjunction and a comma. To fix this, add a conjunction (and, or, nor).
- Charles Dickens created the character of Mr. Macawber, and he also created Uriah Heep.
- Or...
- Use a semicolon!
- Charles Dickens created the character of Mr. Macawber; he also created Uriah Heep.
Fused Sentences!

- Fused sentences happen when two independent clauses have no punctuation.
- Charles Dickens created the character of Mr. Micawber he also created Uriah Heep.
- See note for tips on revising run ons, fragments, and fused sentences. Grammar checkers will only correct about 50% of run ons, fragments, and fused sentences.
Group Work!

- Make sure you hand out grammar refresher #2!