



Beginner

Avoiding Sentence Fragments

A sentence fragment tries its best to be a sentence. An auxiliary — has been, in this case, probably — that would complete the verb string and the sentence.

Motoki has been working extra hard on his hook shot lately.

This time “Spending” is a participle wanting to modify something, but there is no

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Here we have a subject-verb relationship — in fact, we have two of them — but the entire clause is **subordinated** by the dependent word after. We have no independent clause.

Be alert for strings of prepositional phrases that never get around to establishing a subject-verb relationship. Be careful of sentences which give their share of information but still don't contain a subject and verb.

Immediately after the founding of the college and during those early years as the predominant educational institution in the American Midwest.