

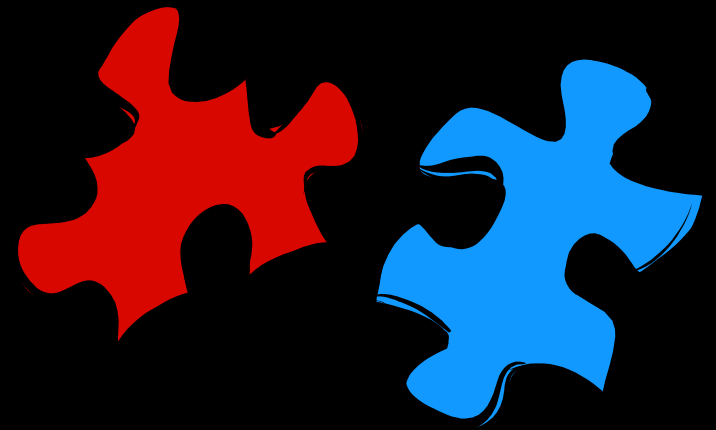
Sentence Fragments

We know that a sentence has a **subject** (noun), **predicate** (verb), and expresses a complete thought.

Example:

Some students like to study in the mornings.

A sentence fragment, however, is only. **a piece of a sentence** It does not express a complete thought.



There are 4 common fragment problems:

1. All subject

- X** The slice of pizza.
- ✓ The slice of pizza was cold.

2. All predicate

- X** Singing loudly all day long.
- ✓ The opera singer was singing loudly all day long.

3. Incomplete predicate

- X** She carried.
- ✓ She carried the hot coffee.

4. Starts with because

- X** Because the bell rang.
- ✓ You're late for class because the bell rang.

What's Wrong?

Sat behind me in Science class.

2. All predicate

The new girl sat behind me in
Science class.

- 1. All subject**
- 2. All predicate**
- 3. Incomplete
predicate**
- 4. Because**

What's Wrong?

The bag of groceries on the kitchen table.

1. All subject

The bag of groceries on the kitchen table need to go to grandma's house tonight.

- 1. All subject**
- 2. All predicate**
- 3. Incomplete predicate**
- 4. Because**

What's Wrong?

Because the rain stopped.

4. Because

We got to watch the softball game because the rain stopped.

1. All subject
2. All predicate
3. Incomplete predicate
4. Because

What's Wrong?

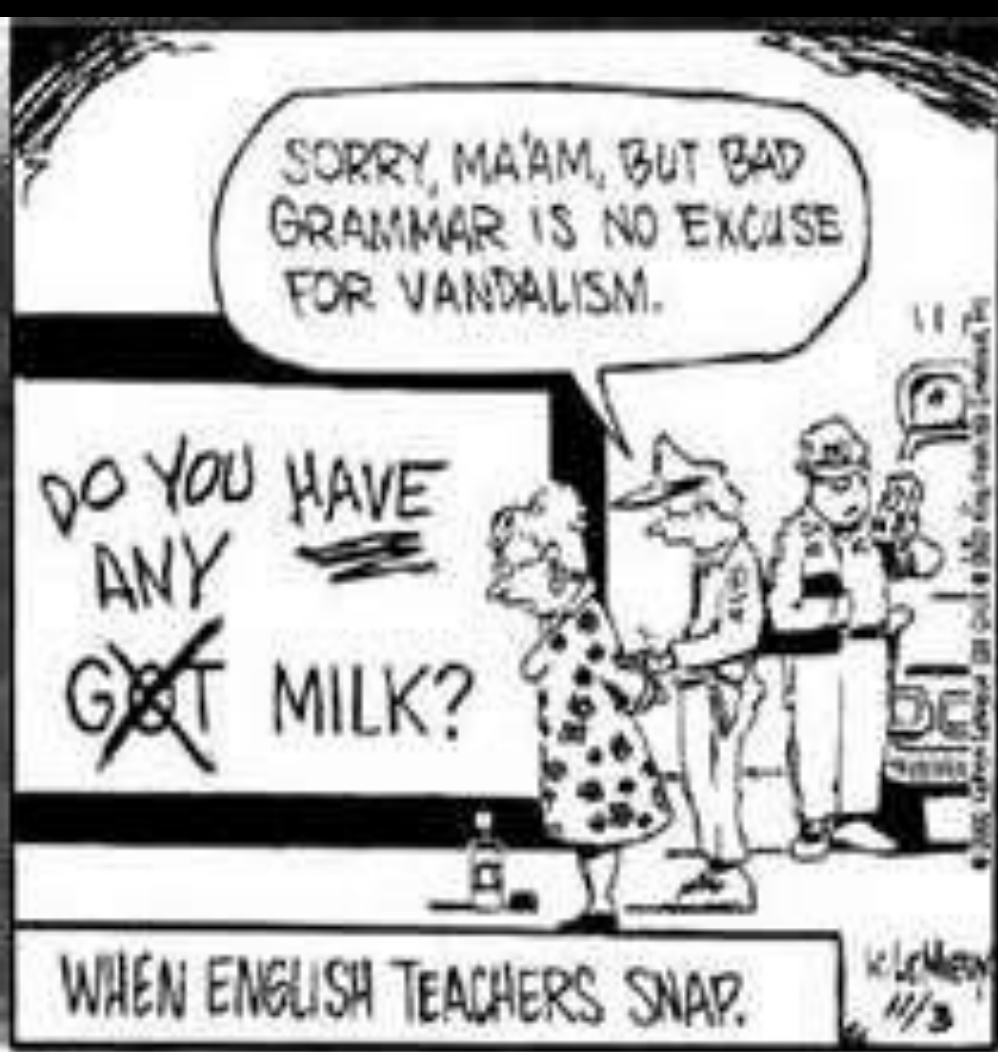
I pull.

3. Incomplete predicate

I pull on the reins to slow
down the horse.

1. All subject
2. All predicate
3. Incomplete
predicate
4. Because

Remember, a sentence must tell you all you need to know to have a complete thought.



SORRY, MA'AM, BUT BAD GRAMMAR IS NO EXCUSE FOR VANDALISM.

DO YOU HAVE
ANY ~~GOT~~ MILK?

WHEN ENGLISH TEACHERS SNAP.

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