

Sentence Fragments 1

A sentence fragment may look and sound like a sentence, but it isn't. It is a group of words that is missing either a subject or a verb or that doesn't express a complete thought. (Turn to page 86 in *Write Source 2000* for examples of this type of sentence error.)

EXAMPLE

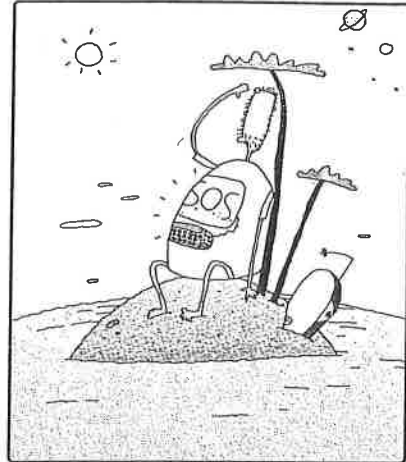
Sentence Fragment:

Also commonly referred to as seas.

Corrected Sentence:

Oceans are also commonly referred to as seas.

(A subject and a predicate have been added to make this a sentence.)



Directions

Some of the following groups of words are sentences, and some are not. Write an *S* on the line before each sentence; write an *F* before each fragment. Correct the fragments.

- F *Oceans cover*
1. ~~Covering~~ more than 70 percent of the world's surface.
 2. Oceans maintain the earth's climate by regulating air temperature.
 3. Supplying moisture for rain.
 4. The Pacific Ocean, by far the largest individual ocean.
 5. The Pacific covers nearly a third of the earth's surface.
 6. It is also the deepest ocean, with an average depth of 12,900 feet.
 7. Every natural element found in the water of the oceans.
 8. Evaporation, which removes freshwater from the oceans, leaving the salt behind.
 9. Rain returns freshwater to the oceans.
 10. Currents running through the seas like giant rivers.