Sentence Fragments

A sentence fragment is a grammatical error in which a word group that is not a sentence is punctuated as if it were. To be a sentence, a word group must have a subject, have a verb, and express a complete thought.

Here are some sentence fragments:
- Under the table. (No subject or verb)
- Talked loudly with her friends. (No subject)
- Walking along the sun-splashed Florida beach. (No verb)
- Because my brother believes in ghosts. (Does not express a complete thought)

Here are two ways to fix a sentence fragment:
1. Make the fragment a complete sentence by adding a subject or verb or rewriting it in some other way.
2. Attach the fragment to a nearby sentence (usually the preceding sentence).

Here are the four fragments above fixed:
- The history book is lying under the table. (Subject and verb added to make a complete sentence)
- Professor Romanov talked loudly with her friends. (Subject added to make a complete sentence)
- Walking along the sun-splashed Florida beach delighted Ida’s grandmother. (Verb added to make a complete sentence)
- We keep the house lights on at night because my brother believes in ghosts. (Fragment attached to a nearby sentence)