

RECOGNIZING AND CORRECTING SENTENCE FRAGMENTS

EXERCISE

Critically examine the unit to determine if, alone, it expresses a full thought. If not, are the missing elements located in an adjacent group of words? If so, combining the units may repair the damage. Be sure that you don't create a new problem while correcting the original one (misplaced modifier, for example). Apply the above instructions to the sentences below.

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Below is an advertisement that appeared in a well-known magazine. It is written in conversational, informal style. Although it is an effective sales piece, it contains many fragments, which make it unsuitable for formal, college-level essay writing. Underline each fragment. What elements are missing from the group of words? Try to rewrite the copy without fragments.

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