

Fragment-Free Story Answer Key

Sample Corrected Paragraph:

Last Saturday, my friends and I went to the zoo, **a place full of amazing animals**. We saw lions resting in the sun **and tigers pacing back and forth**. After lunch at the picnic area, **we visited the aquarium, which was filled with colorful fish and sea turtles**. Before going home, **we bought souvenirs from the gift shop**.

Teacher Notes:

- Students may fix the fragments in **different but valid ways**. The key is that every final sentence must include a **subject** and a **predicate** and express a **complete thought**.
- Remind students that fragments often happen when writers leave **phrases** (*a place full of amazing animals*) or **dependent clauses** (*before going home*) standing alone.
- Encourage students to use **combining strategies** (attaching fragments to nearby sentences) instead of only creating many short sentences, to improve fluency.
- Extension: Ask students to highlight the **original fragments** in one color and their **corrections** in another to visualize the edits.