

Sentence Skeletons Answer Key

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

Identified Fragments

- *The huge dinosaur skeleton in the main hall.*
- *Full of hands-on experiments and displays.*
- *Because it had a model rocket that lit up.*
- *Tired but happy.*

Total: 4 fragments.

Sample Corrections

- *The huge dinosaur skeleton in the main hall* → *The huge dinosaur skeleton stood in the main hall.*
- *Full of hands-on experiments and displays* → *The exhibits were full of hands-on experiments and displays.*
- *Because it had a model rocket that lit up* → *I liked the space section best because it had a model rocket that lit up.*
- *Tired but happy* → *We felt tired but happy.*

Comprehension Question Answers

1. **4 fragments** (listed above).
2. Answers will vary; see sample corrections.
3. The fragments make the passage feel **choppy** and sometimes unclear. They break the flow of the story, making readers stop and wonder what's missing.
4. In formal writing, avoiding fragments is important for **clarity, professionalism, and reader understanding**. Complete sentences ensure that ideas are expressed fully.

Teacher Notes

- Students may identify fragments correctly even if they word them differently, as long as they point to the incomplete sentences.
- Encourage them to look for clues: phrases without verbs (*Tired but happy*), dependent clauses (*Because it had...*), or missing subjects (*Full of hands-on experiments...*).