

Fragments To Whole Answer Key

Sample Answers - Student responses may vary

1. **Complex:** Because it was late, we decided to go home.
2. **Simple:** Walking down the street made her happy.
(also acceptable as complex: Walking down the street, she noticed a puppy.)
3. **Complex:** After the storm cleared, the sun appeared in the sky.
4. **Simple:** For the first time, he felt truly confident.
5. **Complex:** We used candles since the lights went out.
6. **Simple:** The boy who smiled waved at his friend.
7. **Complex:** We checked the doors before we left.
8. **Complex:** Even though she was tired, she finished her homework.
9. **Complex:** If you want to win, you must practice every day.
10. **Complex:** While the teacher was talking, the students took notes quietly.

Teacher Notes:

- A **fragment** is missing either a subject, a verb, or a complete thought.
- Encourage students to first identify **what's missing** (subject, predicate, or both).
- Allow flexibility: a student can turn a fragment into **any of the three sentence types**, as long as it's complete and makes sense.
- Great extension: Ask students to create **two different fixes** for each fragment (one compound, one complex).