GLUE SHARD #1

Rewrite your sentence to add the subject or verb!

Wrong – Searching for my lost shaker of salt. (Who is searching?)
Right – I searched for my lost shaker of salt.

Wrong – The shining sun, the warm breeze, and the cool lake. (What is the verb?)
Right – The shining sun, the warm breeze, and the cool lake are great!

GLUE SHARD #2

Use the same tactic as above!

Wrong – I had to study over the weekend. Because finals are next week.
Right – I had to study over the weekend because finals are next week.

Wrong – Getting into the car and feeling the wind in my hair. It is the best experience ever.
Right – Getting into the car and feeling the wind in my hair is the best feeling ever.

SHARD #1: MISSING A SUBJECT OR VERB

Every sentence must have a verb and a subject.

Missing Verb – A scene of horror with papers scattered everywhere. (The scene did what?)
Right – A scene of horror with papers scattered everywhere greeted the students. (Added the verb 'greeted')

Missing Subject – Ran into a chum with a bottle of rum and wound up drinking all night. (Who did this?)
Right – Jimmy Buffet ran into a chum with a bottle of rum and wound up drinking all night. (Added the 'who' to the sentence.)

SHARD #2: MISTAKEN VERBS

Words with 'ing' are never verbs. Check that any ing-word or to-form is part of a complete idea.

Wrong – Studying late into the night. (Who studied?)
Right – We studied late into the night. (Added a subject)

Wrong – We ran to the store. To buy soda. (Who bought the soda?)
Right – We ran to the store to buy soda but forgot to get chips. (Added to the subject and verb)

SHARD #3: SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Any time you see words like since, because, although, check that your sentence doesn't leave a question remaining.

Wrong - Since he came late to class. (What happened when he was late?)
Right - He forgot to give the teacher his homework since he came late to class.