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frag·ment  (frăg mənt)

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n.

1. A small part broken off or detached.

2. An incomplete or isolated portion; a bit: *overheard fragments of their conversation; extant fragments of an old manuscript.*

3. *Grammar* A sentence fragment.

v. (-mənt') **frag·ment·ed**, **frag·ment·ing**, **frag·ments**

v.tr.

To break or separate (something) into fragments.

v.intr.

To become broken into fragments: *After the election, the coalition fragmented.*

[Middle English, from Latin *fragmentum*, from *frangere*, *frag-*, to break; see **bhreg-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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