



Sentence Structure

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CHAPTER 11: THE SENTENCE

FINDING THE SUBJECT OF A SENTENCE

11f To find the subject of a sentence, ask *Who?* or *What?* before the verb.

EXAMPLES The **team** of doctors **worked** hard to save the patient. [Who worked? *Team* worked.]
Across the finish line **jumped** the winning **frog**. [What jumped? The *frog* jumped.]

(1) The subject of a sentence expressing a command or a request is always understood to be *you*, although *you* may not appear in the sentence.

EXAMPLES Eat a balanced meal for good health. [Who is being told to eat? *You* eat.]
Please read me the directions again, Kim. [Who is being asked to read? *You* read.]

(2) The subject of a sentence never appears in a prepositional phrase.

EXAMPLES A **flock** of birds flew above the tall pine trees. [What flew? A *flock* flew. *Birds* is the object of the preposition *of*.]
A **group** of friends gathered near the doorway. [Who gathered? *Group* gathered. *Friends* is the object of the preposition *of*.]

(3) The subject of a sentence expressing a question usually follows the verb or a part of the verb phrase.

EXAMPLES Is the **cat** sleeping on top of the desk? [What is sleeping on top of the desk? The *cat* is.]
When was **Carolyn** elected president of the student council? [Who was elected? *Carolyn* was elected.]
Were your friends early? [Who was early? *Friends* were.]

(4) The word *there* or *here* is never the subject of a sentence.

In the following examples, the words *there* and *here* are used as adverbs telling *where*.

EXAMPLES There are the four suitcases we want to take. [What is there? The *suitcases* are there.]
Here is your new video game. [What is here? The *game* is here.]

In the following example, the word *there* is used as an *expletive*—a word that fills out the structure of a sentence but does not add to the meaning.

EXAMPLE There are two reasons for the delay of the game. [What are? *Reasons* are.]

EXERCISE 5 Identifying Subjects and Verbs

In each of the sentences below, underline the subject once and the verb twice. Include all parts of a compound subject or a compound verb and all words in a verb phrase.

- EX. 1. At an early age, Pablo Picasso showed unusual artistic talent.
1. The son of an art teacher, Picasso was born in Spain in 1881.
 2. At the age of twenty, he traveled to Paris for the first time.
 3. Picasso's early paintings show the influence of other painters and his mastery of traditional techniques.
 4. Despite the early-twentieth century popularity of Fauvism, Picasso followed his own path and questioned standard art forms.
 5. Picasso and Georges Braque rejected the formal use of shapes and tried to show three dimensions in their paintings.
 6. Together, the two painters developed Analytical Cubism.
 7. Throughout their experiments with form, both common and unusual colors appeared in their artwork.
 8. Picasso often placed various objects in his paintings.
 9. His collages sometimes included newspaper, string, or wire.
 10. In 1917, Picasso's interest in Classicism and his later connection with the Surrealists led to more analytical works.
 11. His series of paintings and drawings with unusual figures of dancers started emerging from his studio in 1923 and developed over the next ten years.
 12. In the 1930s, bull-fighting subjects appeared in Picasso's paintings.
 13. His most important work during that time is the large mural *Guernica*.
 14. Painted in 1937, *Guernica* is nearly twenty-six feet long and expresses Picasso's personal response to the Spanish Civil War.
 15. Frightening images remained part of Picasso's work through World War II.

Comma Splices and Fused Sentences – Exercise 1

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Directions: Determine whether the items below are *comma splices* or *fused sentences*.

1. Julie is a real hypochondriac when her stomach hurts, she is certain that she has a bleeding ulcer, and if she has a backache, she believes that she has cancer of the spine.
A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
2. My cat Buster loves to nap on warm appliances when he sleeps on top of the television, his tail swipes the screen like a windshield wiper.
A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
3. During English class, Anthony kept flirting with RaShaunda because his behavior was keeping Shenicka from understanding the lecture, Shenicka whacked him over the head with her heavy dictionary.
A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
4. In preparation for the quiz, La'Mia studied comma splices and fused sentences until she thought her brain would burst, finally, she put away her notes, convinced that she would remember the rules even on her death bed.
A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
5. At the back of the classroom, Nina sat with her arms crossed, glaring at her teacher, Mr. Beane, her body language indicated that English was her least favorite subject.
A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
6. When Matt shaved his head, his mother worried that he had joined a cult the real reason for the bald head, however, was that Matt could get more attention and sympathy from girls who thought he was sick with a dread disease.
A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
7. Mike loves to play computer games, especially *Tomb Raider*, he imagines that all of the villains are his problems, and he gets great satisfaction blasting them to bits.
A. comma splice
B. fused sentence

8. Cindy's mumbling often gets her in trouble just the other day, in fact, her stylist misunderstood Cindy's instructions and dyed her hair blue after Cindy asked him to trim the ends.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
9. Clyde knew that he should be saving money for next semester's tuition he spent every paycheck, however, on gold jewelry and expensive dinners for his greedy girlfriend Gloria.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
10. At the campus coffee cart, Gini makes the best drinks her sweet cream latte, a blend of vanilla ice cream and espresso, will put on the pounds, but its cool, smooth taste is worth a trip to the gym.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
11. Josie, Don's Cairn terrier, will bark at anything that moves, squirrels, wind blown leaves, passing cars, and her own shadow will start her yapping.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
12. Because his glasses were so thick, Quincy refused to get contacts, he worried that equally thick contact lenses would make him look like a bug-eyed space alien.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
13. Madison believed that the best job in the universe would be to work as a crew member on the star ship *Enterprise* since this job existed only on television, Madison settled for clerking at a neighborhood comic book store that sold *Star Trek* memorabilia.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
14. Michelle is terrified of spiders, so when she found one in the bathroom, she panicked, refusing to shower for three days to use the restroom, she drove to her neighborhood gas station.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
15. When Jim threw his back out while helping his wife Nancy move the sofa, he feared the treatment the doctor would recommend, a week's worth of bed rest during the nicest week in April would certainly wreck Jim's golf plans.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence

16. Sima was so sleepy after her marathon studying session for calculus that she ordered a triple espresso before going to class once the caffeine kicked in, Sima knew that she wouldn't doze off on Dr. Ribley.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
17. Rachel painstakingly ironed her linen shirt all the while, she was thinking how pointless this chore was since linen begins to wrinkle the moment after the last button is fastened.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
18. Jeremiah likes to put peanut butter on his pancakes instead of syrup, the smell is appealing, but I wouldn't want to eat anything so sticky that early in the morning.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
19. Clarence couldn't believe that the hardware store was selling garden rakes for only \$1.99 each when he brought home twenty of them, his wife Marie just shook her head and squeezed them into a garage stuffed full of her husband's other "good buys."
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence
20. Orange juice, toast, and cereal might be a healthy breakfast, but Ricardo always hits the snooze button on his alarm too many times all he can grab is a stale pastry and soda.
- A. comma splice
B. fused sentence



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Comma Splices and Fused Sentences – Exercise 2

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Directions: Each sentence below contains three underlined parts, **one** of which is either a comma splice or fused sentence. You need to find and fix the problem.

1. Hoping to relax after a busy week at work and school, Cheryl smoothed on some sunscreen, settled onto her pool raft, and opened her new Stephen King novel, then her neighbor cranked up the lawnmower, ruining the quiet.
2. Derek wanted a ferocious pit bull terrier to scare off burglars, but his apartment complex did not allow dogs as a result, Derek had to settle for naming his goldfish Mr. Jaws and installing additional door locks.
3. Sylvia carefully ironed her one good suit to wear to the bank interview the next day all the while, Buster, her hairy white cat, waited for her to lay the dark gray skirt on the bed so that he would have a warm spot to nap.
4. Chet decided to get a huge Chinese dragon tattooed across his shoulder blades once the stabbing needle pierced his skin, however, Chet quickly changed his mind, opting to pierce an ear instead.
5. Struggling to capture the nude model on paper, Sima whined that she didn't have the right pencil at the same time, she realized that this complaint was the same as saying that she couldn't sink a basketball because she didn't have expensive athletic shoes.
6. Hunched over the keyboard for hours, Charlie used two fingers to hunt and peck out the 2,000-word research paper when lightning caused his computer to crash, Charlie wept more tears than the thunderclouds spilled rain.
7. After listening for weeks to her boyfriend Steve bragging about his mother's chili, Amy anticipated the first delicious spoonful, the hair floating among the beef and beans, however, killed her appetite.
8. When Javier was supposed to be in trigonometry, he was instead flirting with pretty girls in the cafeteria needless to say, he was inadequately prepared to make the 98 that he needed on the final exam to pass the course.

9. Julina knew that she would never again agree to go out to dinner with James, he expected her to buy her own meal, tip the waitress, and chip in for gas.
10. At a garage sale, Clarence bought four gallons of exterior latex for only ten dollars then, when his neighbors saw the nuclear pink, they collected 120 dollars to buy four gallons of primer and four gallons of forest green paint.
11. When Millie overheard Coach Jones complain that women didn't belong on a basketball court, she became so angry that she picked up a tennis racket and whacked him over the head, the assault and battery charge, in Millie's opinion, was worth it.
12. Given 1,000 dollars as a graduation gift, Kris wavered between putting the money toward a new computer or going to Germany to visit his sister, finally Fräuleins and beer won out over modems and megabytes.
13. When Simone and her husband discovered sixteen jars full of insects in their daughter's room, they decided to get Maria a dog, tolerating one four-legged animal seemed better than having fifty six-legged "pets" in the house.
14. Syed finally decided to clean out his disorganized book bag, old US Government handouts, math notes from Intermediate Algebra, leaky ballpoint pens, and a smashed banana littered the inside.
15. With sharp scissors, Thinh tried to even her client's hair, but the woman kept twisting in her seat to yell at her two small children who were terrorizing the salon, Thinh finally decided that crooked ends were better than poking out a client's eye.
16. Everyone always invites Marc to the movies, his jeans are so oversized that he can sneak in two two-liter bottles of soda, which he straps to his thighs, saving his friends from the outrageous drink prices at the theater.
17. When Minori left Japan to study in the United States, she thought that she would miss her mother's delicious home cooking, however, after her first taste of a bacon cheeseburger, she didn't care if she ever returned to Japan.
18. The computer began to wail like an ambulance, startling poor Robert, who only wanted to retrieve his paper, unfortunately, a virus had immobilized the hard drive.

19. Jenny noticed a greasy snail-like trail that snaked from the kitchen counter, onto the floor, and then over to the hallway, June, Jenny's cat, had stolen another stick of butter and tried to drag it to the laundry room.
20. After a successful interview at a bookstore, Julio patiently waited by the phone, hoping to hear that he had gotten a summer job, every call, though, was a twelve-year-old boy calling for Rosita, Julio's younger sister.



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Comma Splices and Fused Sentences – Exercise 3

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Directions: Each sentence below contains three underlined parts, **one** of which is either a comma splice or fused sentence. You need to find and fix the problem.

1. If Chris hopes to survive in his 8 a.m. English class, he needs to discover caffeine even when he has a test, his head hits the desk by 8:05, and snores soon escape his mouth.
2. Although you might not believe it, Antonio actually benefits from his chicken scratch handwriting because no one can read it, Antonio doesn't have to worry about using the right word or the correct spelling.
3. If you offer Valerie a piece of watermelon, she will refuse it, the slices look like the wicked smile of a circus clown who once scared her as a child during a trip to the big top.
4. During the summer when a variety of fruit is in season, Melville always avoids the fresh peaches, the fuzzy skin brushing against his lips makes Melville think that he's eating a small rodent.
5. Jean always nibbles around the pit of a cherry, just as if she were eating a peach, because she is vain about her smile, she doesn't want to chip a tooth on the hard center.
6. Because Simon thinks that he has big, ugly toes, he insists on wearing socks everywhere that he goes at the beach, in the shower, or around the house, you will find Simon with socks on his feet.
7. Sick with the flu, Howard craved a big hot bowl of his grandmother's chicken soup, but in the refrigerator, Howard had only a jar of olives and a carton of milk, cream of olive soup, Howard decided, would only worsen how he felt.
8. To gain attention, Christie has pierced each of her ears eight times on breezy days, people hear the tinkling sounds of Christie's unique wind chimes as the jewelry blows in the wind.

9. Since he was sound asleep on the library sofa, William was oblivious to his twenty-eight algebra classmates, who were sweating, sighing, and wracking their brains as they tried to ace their final exam, poor William was quietly earning a zero.
10. Sparkling with jewelry conned from ex-boyfriends, Sylvia keeps an eye out for new victims with fat wallets, she still needs a pair of diamond earrings to complement a necklace that she managed to coerce Ricardo into buying.
11. As her teachers had recommended, Madison tried to study in the library but discovered that the good music, unlimited soda, and big tables at the campus café made a great place to do homework during fall semester, Madison must have eaten 150 pizza slices while she slogged through Fundamentals of Biology.
12. Davina, a good friend in my biology class, has more interest in what is under a guy's *skin* than what's under his clothes, for this reason, she is pursuing a degree in radiography.
13. Jackie always made it a point to sit in the front row because she liked to focus on the lecture and take good notes, the excessive spitting of her Latin professor, however, drove her to the back of the room.
14. Latoya tried to concentrate on Dr. Lemon's dull art history lecture, but the darkened classroom and endless slide show soon had her dozing in her seat, Latoya knew that Beverly would poke her with a pencil if Dr. Lemon bothered to glance their way.
15. Todd is an amazing cook, he can look into a nearly empty refrigerator and put together an interesting dinner; yesterday, for example, he made a sliced pickle and mayonnaise sandwich, using an old blueberry muffin as bread.
16. Watching the Home Shopping Network late one evening, Clarence saw handheld televisions advertised for only \$49.99, so he bought ten of them, in his lifetime, Clarence was certain that he would need them all.
17. When Robert is riding his Honda motorcycle, he drives recklessly, weaving dangerously through rush hour traffic, Robert doesn't care that he might leave a kneecap or chunk of thigh speared on a car bumper.
18. During the fall semester, parking on campus is very difficult, students circle the lots like vultures, waiting for an empty space, and most students soon realize that taking a 7 a.m. class, despite the effort it takes to get up that early, at least cures their parking woes.

19. Jacques, a self-taught computer whiz, always hates going to his Introduction to Microcomputers class the reason is that both his textbook and professor are at least a year behind when they discuss software or internal components.
20. Belinda hates her psychology class, although her professor is an interesting lecturer, the auditorium is right next to the copy center, and the whump, whump, whump of the machines always makes Belinda drowsy.



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Comma Splices and Fused Sentences – Exercise 4

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Directions: Choose the correct way to fix the underlined problem in each sentence.

1. Lorna did not last long in Mr. Wolcott's busy office, her long fingernails made accurate typing impossible, and her abrasive manner scared away too many potential clients.
 - A. office her
 - B. office, because her
 - C. office. Her

2. Bo was craving a cold slice of watermelon, but he had money only for hotdogs and buns. Bo was pretty sure that sticking the huge fruit under his shirt and pretending that he was pregnant wouldn't fool the cashiers.
 - A. buns Bo
 - B. buns. Bo
 - C. buns, but Bo

3. Fighting the urge to crawl under her desk, Adriana looked at the clock, there was still a half hour left of class, more than enough time to do her poorly prepared, ten-minute speech.
 - A. clock there
 - B. clock; there
 - C. clock, so there

4. My cat Buster is always tipping over the garbage can then he searches through the trash for milk jug caps, which he bats around the floor, the cat version of playing ice hockey.
 - A. can, then
 - B. can, but then
 - C. can, and then

5. Susan ducked down when she saw Mr. Hayden, her English teacher, walk into Tito's Taco Palace, unfortunately, a burrito wasn't big enough to hide behind, so poor Susan had to explain why she had missed his class again.
 - A. Palace unfortunately
 - B. Palace; Unfortunately
 - C. Palace. Unfortunately

6. Mark searched the nearly empty refrigerator for a midnight snack his only choices were curdled milk, stale pizza, and grape jelly, any combination of which he couldn't stomach.
- A. snack, his
 - B. snack, but his
 - C. snack, so his
7. Sherian refuses to let her kids have a puppy, she is convinced that dogs are just big germs and refuses to follow one around with a sponge and bottle of bleach.
- A. puppy she
 - B. puppy, but she
 - C. puppy, for she
8. Running through the parking lot, Aisha hoped to get to her car before the rain began when she found the doors locked and saw her keys lying on the front seat, she knew that she was in for a soaking.
- A. began, when
 - B. began; When
 - C. began. When
9. Bored with the lecture on comma splices and fused sentences, Jayson started poking Kim with the sharp tip of his pencil finally she whirled around and slugged him in the mouth.
- A. pencil, finally she
 - B. pencil, as a result she
 - C. pencil; finally, she
10. Sighing heavily, Melody tried to summon the energy to get to her next class her heavy book bag and the long walk, however, seemed impossible challenges.
- A. class, her
 - B. class; her
 - C. class but her
11. Alphonso does not care as much about comfort as he does about style he will wear, for example, a long sleeve shirt and a leather jacket in the middle of a Florida summer if they are the perfect complement to his new pair of khakis.
- A. style, he
 - B. style, but he
 - C. style; he

12. Tajwana is a very conscientious student when she makes a B, she is so upset that she lies awake at night, staring at the ceiling and worrying about the effect this "bad" grade will have on her GPA.
- A. student, when
 - B. student. When
 - C. student, therefore when
13. Wally did not want to do anything to ruin his new pair of athletic shoes, he always stayed on the sidewalks, sidestepped puddles, and made several trips a day to the bathroom to dust the sneakers with toilet paper.
- A. shoes he
 - B. shoes, but he
 - C. shoes, so he
14. Poor Paola listened to her stomach rumbling loudly, she would have to wait twenty more minutes before she could dash to the cafeteria for a quick donut and soda.
- A. loudly she
 - B. loudly; she
 - C. loudly, so she
15. For two weeks, Todd refused to go to his accounting class because Professor Gastineau would not allow students to wear hats in class, under no circumstance would Todd allow anyone to see the butcher job his stylist had done to his hair.
- A. class under
 - B. class, and under
 - C. class, therefore under
16. Tracy always knows the right answer in English class but is too shy to volunteer whenever Miss Simmons asks a question, Tracy's hand feels as if it weighs 1,000 pounds.
- A. volunteer, whenever
 - B. volunteer, therefore whenever
 - C. volunteer; whenever
17. Slouched in his seat, Michael tried to pay attention to the grammar lecture the only problem was that NBA statistics and images of pretty women in tight miniskirts were more interesting than subordinate clauses and participle phrases.
- A. lecture, the
 - B. lecture, however the
 - C. lecture. The

18. Nathalia likes to get good grades but hates when her friends call her a nerd, sometimes. Nathalia will claim that she got a 77 on a test when, in reality, she earned a 97.
- A. nerd sometimes
 - B. nerd, so sometimes
 - C. nerd, but sometimes
19. Neil's day revolves around sugar, he anticipates the pastry he will choose for breakfast, the candy bar he will eat for lunch, and the ice cream he will have as dinner.
- A. sugar he
 - B. sugar, for he
 - C. sugar, but he
20. Carla has difficulties getting to her 8 a.m. English class on time, she always watches too many late night movies and then hits the snooze button on her alarm once too often.
- A. time she
 - B. time, because she
 - C. time, for she



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Comma Splices and Fused Sentences – Exercise 5

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Directions: Choose the correct way to fix the underlined problem in each sentence.

1. Gustavo can tolerate any lecture, no matter how boring the instructor is, in his mind, Gustavo imagines that he is on board the starship *Enterprise*, blasting Romulans from his post on the bridge.
 - A. is in
 - B. is; In
 - C. is; in

2. Sylvia shivered in her silk shirt, the difference in temperature between the hot road and the cold library was extreme.
 - A. shirt the
 - B. shirt, for the
 - C. shirt, because the

3. Many road signs warned Tommy of the construction work ahead, he didn't realize that his lane was closed, though, until he mowed down a traffic barricade with the front of his car.
 - A. ahead he
 - B. ahead but he
 - C. ahead. He

4. The grip of the pantyhose, the stranglehold of the scarf, and the bite of the tight shoes made Rachel want the interview to end, she longed for a cotton T-shirt and jeans.
 - A. end she
 - B. end; however, she
 - C. end. She

5. Ryan is highly allergic to cats, he requires at least twenty god-bless-yous every time he visits Mariko and her seven Siamese.
 - A. cats he
 - B. cats, so he
 - C. cats, as a result, he

6. Mrs. Britton was grading papers at her desk, her students were slaving over their in-class compositions, sighing heavily and flipping through their dictionaries for the correct spellings of words.
- A. desk her
 - B. desk while her
 - C. desk, moreover, her
7. Ingie looked at his wife's collection of cookbooks and sighed, although there were thousands of recipes for delicious meals, he knew Valerie would want to order another pepperoni and mushroom pizza for dinner.
- A. sighed although
 - B. sighed. Although
 - C. sighed; Although
8. Mike has terrible eating habits when he opened his lunch bag, we saw a bag of potato chips, two candy bars, cellophane-wrapped cupcakes, and a carton of chocolate milk.
- A. habits, when
 - B. habits, but when
 - C. habits; when
9. While flirting on the phone with the satellite dish salesman, Rose forgot about the omelet cooking in the kitchen, she did not expect the stovetop fire that filled the house with smoke.
- A. kitchen she
 - B. kitchen, so she
 - C. kitchen, consequently; she
10. Several students sat sneezing and sniffing in their seats, Jason always wore too much cologne, and allergic reactions kicked into high gear as the odor wafted through the classroom.
- A. seats Jason
 - B. seats, and Jason
 - C. seats. Jason
11. Sandra spent every dime on her vacation to Cancun, Mexico, where she went shopping, dancing, swimming, and sightseeing, she doesn't care that her rent will be late and that she will have to eat macaroni and cheese for a week.
- A. sightseeing she
 - B. sightseeing, nevertheless, she
 - C. sightseeing; she

12. The terrified passengers aboard the 747 gripped their armrests as the jet bucked in a bad stretch of turbulence after a ride like this one, everyone knew that five minutes on Disney's Space Mountain would feel like relaxing in a rocking chair.
- A. turbulence, after
 - B. turbulence; After
 - C. turbulence. After
13. Richard squeezed, thumped, and shook the empty shampoo bottle, hoping for a few drops to wash his dirty hair, since the bottle was completely empty, Richard worked up a lather with a few sprinkles of bathroom cleanser instead.
- A. hair since
 - B. hair; since
 - C. hair, consequently, since
14. After the thunderstorm, Teresa splashed through the puddles left on the street, she enjoyed feeling the cool rainwater on her hot feet.
- A. street she
 - B. street, because she
 - C. street, for she
15. Fred blew and blew on the globs of liquid white-out, but they refused to dry when the professor called time, Fred closed the cover of his exam book and hoped the pages wouldn't cement together.
- A. dry, when
 - B. dry; when
 - C. dry, as a result, when
16. As Irene scooped stuffing out of the Thanksgiving turkey, she saw gold glinting from the breadcrumbs, finally, she had found her earring, which she had lost early that morning.
- A. breadcrumbs finally
 - B. breadcrumbs, finally at last
 - C. breadcrumbs; finally
17. No foot powder, no shoe insert, no expensive soap can kill the odor of Bartholomew's feet, when he takes off his shoes, even the goldfish gag.
- A. feet when
 - B. feet. When
 - C. feet, thus when

18. Ursula clutched her head, trying to remember the correct formula to solve the statistics problem, the only thing she could focus on, however, was the stupid fight she had in the car with her boyfriend, Mac.
- A. problem the
 - B. problem, consequently, the
 - C. problem; the
19. Quang wants a degree in business administration, he fantasizes about yelling at future employees who are too afraid of losing their jobs to talk back.
- A. administration he
 - B. administration, because he
 - C. administration since he
20. In Dr. Ribley's calculus class, Yi-Ping tapes every lecture and carefully rewrites her notes, she is planning to sell these guides to desperate freshmen next semester.
- A. notes she
 - B. notes, because she
 - C. notes, for she



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Fragments – Exercise 1

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Directions: Read each short passage that follows. Determine which part is the fragment

1. ^A Maria wasn't watching her plate of barbecue very carefully. ^B So Santana, the family beagle, snatched a chicken leg hanging over the edge. ^C As baked beans and potato salad slid onto Maria's new sandals.
2. ^A Ever since Andre peeked at Melissa's paper during the biology exam. ^B Guilt has consumed him. ^C Even the blueberries floating in his cereal bowl seem like the accusing eyes of Dr. Gregory, his microbiology instructor.
3. ^A James opened the door of his cluttered refrigerator. ^B Which caused a pint of blueberries to fall to the floor. ^C The fruit bounced and rolled everywhere in an explosion of indigo.
4. ^A Richie loves to walk his friends' dogs at Lake Eola Park. ^B For example, Kim's Labrador retriever Murphy or Gary's bulldog Kembo. ^C Beautiful women, Richie has learned, gravitate toward guys with cute dogs.
5. ^A Head down, Lela stared at the textbook on her desk. ^B She understood the fragment practice that Mrs. Markham was going over in class. ^C But was too shy to raise her hand and volunteer an answer.
6. ^A Joshua found the pressure from the gas in his stomach unbearable. ^B Although he didn't want to be rude in the middle of geology class. ^C An explosive belch erupted from his mouth.
7. ^A Phillip left work early. ^B To memorize the vocabulary that his Spanish midterm would test the next day. ^C But all that he could think about was Beatrice, the cute new sales associate who worked in the camera department.
8. ^A Chewing the dry, tough, whole-grain bread bought from the health food store. ^B Lorena tried to enjoy her lunch. ^C Fantasizing about a juicy cheeseburger on a soft white bun didn't improve the taste of the soy product sandwiched between leaves of organic lettuce.

9. ^A My cat Fuzz loves to sleep in inconvenient places. ^B Lately she prefers the computer table.
^C Where her long hair sticks to the mouse pad, covers the keyboard, and clings to the screen of the monitor.
10. ^A Rocking and thrashing like a wild horse that cowboys had lassoed. ^B The washer complained about its overloaded tub. ^C At the other end of the laundromat, Bobby quietly read an old magazine, pretending that it was not his machine.
11. ^A Day after day, thunderclouds rolled in during the early afternoon. ^B Making Madison's grass thrive from all of the water. ^C Her neighbors, however, prayed for a sunny afternoon so that Madison could finally mow the jungle that was the front yard.
12. ^A While cleaning under his bed, Glen heard the vacuum cleaner suck up something hard and metallic. ^B Glen wanted to know what the object was. ^C But had no intention of digging through a bag of dust, dead bugs, cat litter, and bathroom hair to find out.
13. ^A Farah woke Kirby, the family's ancient German shepherd. ^B To see if he had fallen asleep on the remote control. ^C The growl that Kirby rumbled in protest convinced Farah to use the channel buttons on the front of the television instead.
14. ^A Raja knew that his roommate Tina had cupcakes hidden in the apartment. ^B He looked everywhere. ^C Including in the clothes hamper, on top of the bookcases, behind the sofa—even under his own bed!—all to no avail.
15. ^A Peering around the other students in line, Sylvia tried to see the lunch choices. ^B The cafeteria selections were disappointing. ^C For example, greasy fried chicken, soupy sweet-n-sour pork, and a gray mystery meat floating in translucent, lumpy gravy.
16. ^A Struggling up three flights of stairs, her arms filled with the heavy texts for four classes, her backpack loaded with notebooks and other supplies. ^B Jamala huffed and puffed. ^C Never again would she register for all of her classes back-to-back on the same days of the week.
17. ^A As quietly as possible, Sherri tried to open the one-pound bag of candy on her lap. ^B Finally, the tough plastic split open. ^C Causing an explosion of chocolate balls that bounced and rolled down the aisles of Dr. Wilson's chemistry class.
18. ^A Each morning when Helene is fixing her hair in the bathroom. ^B She applies many sticky hair products. ^C During a typical day, she catches more bugs in her coif than most spiders manage to land in their webs in a week.

19. ^A Ralph spent all of his savings on a diamond ring to give to his girlfriend Melanie. ^B A greedy young woman who had a box full of expensive trinkets from ex-boyfriends. ^C Melanie was always looking for the man with the fattest wallet.
20. ^A Emily pounded on the bedroom door, demanding a little quiet so that she could study for her physics midterm. ^B Her sister Amy ignored the request. ^C And continued banging on the drum set that she bought at a garage sale.



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Fragments – Exercise 2

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Directions: Read each short passage that follows. Determine which part is the fragment.

1. ^A While Cynthia dressed for her sister's wedding, Murphy, the golden retriever, ate the straps off the only shoes that matched Cynthia's pale blue dress. ^B Her replacement options were inappropriate. ^C Like rubber flip-flops, running shoes, fuzzy pink rabbit slippers, or brown leather pumps.
2. ^A When Will stepped out of the shower, he panicked. ^B Realizing that all of his underwear was still in the washing machine. ^C Damp jockey shorts were not a good way to start his day.
3. ^A Joey idolizes his older brother David. ^B Combing his hair in the style that David wears, drinking coffee black with five sugars, and giving teachers the same lame excuses for late homework. ^C As a consequence, everyone calls Joey "David" by mistake!
4. ^A While thunder boomed in the distance, Margaret started off on her daily five-mile run.
 ^B Confident that she had plenty of time before the storm arrived. ^C Wet hair and clothes plastered to her body proved that she couldn't outpace Mother Nature.
5. ^A Whenever Coach Moody sees behavior that she doesn't like—either on or off the court.
 ^B The members of the girls' basketball team pay during the next practice. ^C When Frankie was caught smooching her boyfriend Larry in the hallway, everyone had to run two extra miles that afternoon.
6. ^A Making his anxious students relax would have required very little effort. ^B Like a smile when he walked into class or a "Good job" written at the bottom of an essay. ^C Professor Marshall refused to do more than scowl and read from his yellowed lecture notes.
7. ^A Marcus has no consideration for the ecosystem rich with life in his backyard. ^B When he cuts the lawn, he slows for nothing. ^C As toads, lizards, and insects jump to the sanctuary of bushes to avoid the deadly mower blades.
8. ^A Each morning, Darren adds guava juice, raw egg, protein powder, raisins, and sardines to a blender. ^B After mixing these ingredients on high for a few seconds, he has breakfast. ^C A drink that will give him plenty of energy and shiny hair.

9. ^A Horrified, Sherri stared at her reflection in the mirror. ^B Hair sticking out in seventeen different directions, a spot of whipped cream on her chin, and a green pen mark across her nose. ^C Why hadn't her friends at the table mentioned her disarray?
10. ^A Lying awake in the dark room, staring up at the shadows that danced across the ceiling. ^B Jason worried about the shuffling and thumps that he heard outside. ^C Raccoons—not hungry zombies with grabbing arms—were prowling behind the house.
11. ^A Like amber honey, Helene's long hair dripped over her shoulders and spilled down her back. ^B Styling products, moreover, made the tresses as sticky as pancake syrup. ^C Catching pieces of thread, feathers, dust, and even an occasional insect that buzzed too close.
12. ^A While eating the plate of sesame chicken, Maria was thankful for her skill with chopsticks. ^B Eating utensils that required only one hand to use. ^C For Maria's left hand was pinned to the booth by Hunter, her five-year-old son who lay sleeping after a long day of shopping at the mall.
13. ^A To stay awake for a long evening of chemistry homework. ^B Beth made a huge pot of coffee. ^C Unfortunately, her heart beat so fast and her legs jiggled so violently that the poor girl couldn't concentrate.
14. ^A Diane picked at the slice of cheesecake with her car keys. ^B While Nick sucked whipped cream off his fingers. ^C Horrified, Rachel watched her roommates decimate the dessert that she had spent three hours preparing.
15. ^A Cringing with anxiety at the grade that she might find. ^B Nancy peeked at the last page of the essay. ^C The big red A sent waves of relief radiating through her body.
16. ^A Jonathon often tries to shock his English teacher, Mrs. Mauzy, with weird paper topics. ^B Such as eating tarantulas or wearing women's underwear. ^C Mrs. Mauzy remains nonplussed, scandalized only by the number of fragments in Jonathon's essays.
17. ^A To save enough money to pay tuition, Tanisha keeps a strict budget. ^B She never carries more than three dollars in her wallet. ^C To avoid making impulse purchases like a pizza or CD that will cause her to come up short when registration begins.
18. ^A To keep the cat from sleeping on her new convertible's canvas top. ^B Kim leaves the garden hose out. ^C Like a gunslinger in a Western, she "duels" with Rocky, the family's orange tom, who hisses as vehemently as the forceful spray of water.

19. ^A Dr. Gregory surveyed the auditorium full of nervous, sweating biochemistry students. ^B Her gaze often stopped on Bryan. ^C Whose test anxiety manifested in the loud popping of his knuckles and the high-speed bouncing of his left leg.
20. ^A To save money on a haircut that he badly needed. ^B Raja let Tina, his roommate and an aspiring stylist, trim his shaggy head. ^C Honestly, a blender or a weed whacker could have done a better job!



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Fragments – Exercise 3

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Directions: Find and fix the fragments in the passage below.

¹Marina, the beautiful mermaid, wanted some tuna salad. ²But had a small problem since she was allergic to celery. ³At Sammy's Sub Shop, Marina hoped to find tuna salad free of this dangerous vegetable. ⁴Flopping across the tiled floor to the counter. ⁵Marina placed her order and then checked her sandwich for celery. ⁶Not noticing, however, the spoiled mayonnaise. ⁷At five o'clock that evening, Marina became violently ill with food poisoning. ⁸When a lifeguard at the beach discovered the problem, he called 911. ⁹Even though the mermaid had fishy breath. ¹⁰A handsome paramedic gave her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. ¹¹Wailing like a sick dog, the ambulance sped off to the hospital. ¹²Where the doctor on call refused to treat a sea creature with a scaly tail. ¹³A kind nurse, however, had more sympathy. ¹⁴After she found some Pepto-Bismol. ¹⁵Marina drank the entire bottle of pink liquid, feeling an immediate improvement. ¹⁶The mermaid told the rude doctor never to swim in the ocean. ¹⁷For she would order hungry sharks to bite off the doctor's legs. ¹⁸While sharp-clawed crabs plucked out his eyes. ¹⁹Tossing her long hair, Marina thanked the nurse for the Pepto-Bismol. ²⁰And took a mint from David, the handsome paramedic.



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Fragments – Exercise 4

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Directions: Choose the option that correctly identifies each word group.

1. Assaulted with green peas catapulted across the table from her brother's spoon.
 - A. Participle phrase fragment
 - B. Lonely verb fragment
 - C. Appositive fragment

2. Because he refused to touch the serving of lima beans on his plate.
 - A. Main clause
 - B. Subordinate clause fragment
 - C. Lonely verb fragment

3. The man whom Brenda refuses to marry even if someone paid her a million dollars.
 - A. Lonely verb fragment
 - B. Subordinate clause fragment
 - C. Appositive fragment

4. But saw too late that the cream had expired three weeks ago.
 - A. Participle phrase fragment
 - B. Lonely verb fragment
 - C. Subordinate clause fragment

5. Including the frying pan with encrusted egg and the greasy silverware full of fingerprints.
 - A. Afterthought fragment
 - B. Participle phrase fragment
 - C. Subordinate clause fragment

6. To enjoy the warm sunshine that he could see spilling through the blinds.
 - A. Participle phrase fragment
 - B. Main clause
 - C. Infinitive phrase fragment

7. Kissing the wet frog in hopes of getting a cool prize.
 - A. Afterthought fragment
 - B. Participle phrase fragment
 - C. Lonely verb fragment

8. Such as stacks of tottering books, crumpled paper, empty soda cans, and greasy pizza boxes.
- A. Lonely verb fragment
 - B. Subordinate clause fragment
 - C. Afterthought fragment
9. Because Loraine had to clean up the kitchen mess left by her roommate Bob.
- A. Subordinate clause fragment
 - B. Main clause
 - C. Lonely verb fragment
10. And grabbed the last glazed doughnut while Frederick was pouring her a cup of coffee.
- A. Main clause
 - B. Lonely verb fragment
 - C. Appositive fragment
11. Roger regrets eating the mushy radishes.
- A. Main clause
 - B. Participle phrase fragment
 - C. Subordinate clause fragment
12. To see her favorite part of the parade, the majorettes with their twirling batons.
- A. Appositive fragment
 - B. Participle phrase fragment
 - C. Infinitive phrase fragment
13. The neighborhood cat whom even the biggest dogs fear.
- A. Subordinate clause fragment
 - B. Main clause
 - C. Appositive fragment
14. Hissing and spitting like an angry alligator caught by its tail.
- A. Participle phrase fragment
 - B. Lonely verb fragment
 - C. Appositive fragment
15. One day Andrew aspires to eat asparagus.
- A. Main clause
 - B. Subordinate clause fragment
 - C. Lonely verb fragment
16. Scooting the dead cockroach under the refrigerator with the toe of his shoe.
- A. Lonely verb fragment
 - B. Participle phrase fragment
 - C. Subordinate clause fragment

17. For example, sand-encrusted feet or a cold drink in a sweating bottle.
- A. Participle phrase fragment
 - B. Lonely verb fragment
 - C. Afterthought fragment
18. To reach the countertop where Sara had momentarily left the tuna salad.
- A. Subordinate clause fragment
 - B. Lonely verb fragment
 - C. Infinitive phrase fragment
19. But found only a cookie bag full of crumbs and a tablespoon of milk.
- A. Main clause
 - B. Lonely verb fragment
 - C. Subordinate clause fragment
20. Whenever Rosita makes microwave popcorn.
- A. Subordinate clause fragment
 - B. Main clause
 - C. Lonely verb fragment



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Fragments -- Exercise 5

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Directions: Choose the option that fixes the fragment.

1. Scooting the glass of iced tea closer to her plate. Brave Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot sauce.
 - A. Scooting the glass of iced tea closer to her plate, brave Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot sauce.
 - B. Scooting the glass of iced tea closer to her plate brave Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot sauce.
 - C. Brave Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot sauce scooting the glass of iced tea closer to her plate.

2. As he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and bleach. Nick vowed never again to let the bathroom get so filthy.
 - A. As he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and bleach Nick vowed never again to let the bathroom get so filthy.
 - B. As he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and bleach, Nick vowed never again to let the bathroom get so filthy.
 - C. Nick vowed never again to let the bathroom get so filthy, as he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and bleach.

3. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close by. So that she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.
 - A. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close by, so that she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.
 - B. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close by: so that she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.
 - C. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close by so that she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.

4. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup truck. The vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
- A. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup truck; the vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
- B. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup truck, the vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
- C. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup truck the vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
5. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his mouth. Such as fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
- A. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his mouth such as fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
- B. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his mouth: such as, fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
- C. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his mouth, such as fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
6. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced tea. And hoped that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.
- A. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced tea and hoped that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.
- B. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced tea and he hoped that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.
- C. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced tea, and hoped that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.

7. To stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep awake. Lawrence added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of cream.
- A. To stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep awake. Lawrence added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of cream.
 - B. Lawrence added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of cream, to stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep awake.
 - C. To stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep awake Lawrence added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of cream.
8. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight backward. To keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
- A. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight backward; to keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
 - B. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight backward, to keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
 - C. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight backward to keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
9. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living room. Hoping not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.
- A. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living room hoping not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.
 - B. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living room, hoping not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.
 - C. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living room; hoping not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.

10. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive clothing. Because, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
- A. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive clothing because, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
 - B. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive clothing, because, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
 - C. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive clothing; because, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
11. Whenever Delores makes her infamous rubbery meatballs. David sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
- A. Whenever Delores makes her infamous rubbery meatballs David sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
 - B. Delores makes her infamous rubbery meatballs whenever David sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
 - C. Whenever Delores makes her infamous rubbery meatballs, David sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
12. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi novel. And ate an entire bag of potato chips.
- A. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi novel and ate an entire bag of potato chips.
 - B. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi novel, and ate an entire bag of potato chips.
 - C. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi novel and he ate an entire bag of potato chips.
13. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her money. To buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.
- A. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her money, to buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.
 - B. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her money to buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.
 - C. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her money; to buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.

14. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a dog. For example, puncture marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
- A. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a dog; for example, puncture marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
 - B. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a dog; for example: puncture marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
 - C. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a dog. For example, there are puncture marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
15. Bored with the revision of his research essay. Patrick poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
- A. Bored with the revision of his research essay, Patrick poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
 - B. Bored with the revision of his research essay Patrick poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
 - C. Because he was bored with the revision of his research essay Patrick poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
16. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with Helen. The most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
- A. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with Helen; the most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
 - B. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with Helen the most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
 - C. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with Helen, the most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
17. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the beach. Except Michael, the worrier, who was concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.
- A. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the beach: except Michael, the worrier, who was concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.
 - B. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the beach. Michael, however, was concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.
 - C. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the beach. Excluding Michael, the worrier, who was concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.

18. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their seats. To avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
- A. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their seats to avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
 - B. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their seats, to avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
 - C. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their seats; to avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
19. As waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's mouth. Kris grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
- A. As waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's mouth Kris grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
 - B. Waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's mouth, while Kris grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
 - C. As waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's mouth, Kris grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
20. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, happy. Kelvin steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.
- A. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, happy; Kelvin steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.
 - B. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, happy Kelvin steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.
 - C. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, happy, Kelvin steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.



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Fragments – Exercise 6

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Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose "No change is necessary."

1. With her heavy dictionary,^(A) Donna thumps the top of her ancient computer monitor.^(B) Whenever the color tint flickers,^(C) from normal to sickly yellow.
 - A. ... dictionary Donna ...
 - B. ... monitor whenever ...
 - C. ... flickers. From ...
 - D. No change is necessary.
2. When Kate saw the gray worm on the dissection tray,^(A) She folded her arms,^(B) and refused to pick up the scalpel,^(C) even though she would earn a zero in lab.
 - A. ... tray, she ...
 - B. ... arms. And ...
 - C. ... scalpel. Even though ...
 - D. No change is necessary.
3. Karlene drove slowly through the heavy traffic,^(A) Anticipating a bag of microwave popcorn,^(B) and a couple of hours in front of the television,^(C) as her reward for a hard day at work.
 - A. ... traffic, anticipating ...
 - B. ... popcorn, and ...
 - C. ... television. As ...
 - D. No change is necessary.
4. Because of all his responsibilities at work and school,^(A) Michael had no time to devote to the yard,^(B) so weeds, vines, and insects thrived in this jungle,^(C) That neighbors looked on with disapproval.
 - A. ... school. Michael ...
 - B. ... yard so ...
 - C. ... jungle that ...
 - D. No change is necessary.

5. Citing writer's block as the reason,^(A) that she didn't have her essay,^(B) Yao received no sympathy from Mrs. Santos,^(C) Who will only accept "breather's block" as a legitimate excuse for late work.

A. ... reason, that ...
B. ... essay. Yao ...
C. ... Mrs. Santos, who ...
D. No change is necessary.

6. Mackenzie had to leave the room,^(A) for her father was noisily crunching raw radishes,^(B) which produced so annoying a sound,^(C) that studying was impossible.

A. ... room. Because her ...
B. ... radishes. Which ...
C. ... sound; that ...
D. No change is necessary.

7. Because he had eaten a stack of twelve pancakes,^(A) Emanuel heard his stomach begin to rumble,^(B) as it processed the food,^(C) Gurgling loudly to protest the huge meal.

A. ... pancakes. Emanuel ...
B. ... rumble. As ...
C. ... food, gurgling ...
D. No change is necessary.

8. Although fans blew in every room,^(A) Faye found the house unbearably hot,^(B) And wished that the air conditioning repairman,^(C) who was already three hours late, would pull into her driveway.

A. ... room. Faye ...
B. ... hot and ...
C. ... repairman. Who ...
D. No change is necessary.

9. A student fascinated with all things ancient Egyptian,^(A) Kemette squinted at the computer screen,^(B) hoping to find the information she needed,^(C) to finish her research paper on Old Kingdom art.

A. ... Egyptian, Kemette ...
B. ... screen. Hoping ...
C. ... needed, to ...
D. No change is necessary.

10. Whenever one of her six cats jumps on the kitchen counter, (A) Lorna just sighs. (B) And reminds herself that everything tastes better. (C) if there is a little cat hair in it.
- A. ... counter Lorna ...
B. ... sighs and ...
C. ... better, if ...
D. No change is necessary.
11. Piling into the car, Jorge and his friends drove to Little Anthony's Pizzeria. (A) and gorged on house specialties. (B) such as. (C) garlic knots, meatballs, and sausage pizza.
- A. ... Pizzeria. And ...
B. ... specialties such ...
C. ... as garlic ...
D. No change is necessary.
12. My appliances are always hungry. (A) For example, the dryer will eat underwear. (B) and the microwave will suck off half a frozen dinner. (C) while it is cooking.
- A. ... hungry, for ...
B. ... underwear and ...
C. ... dinner, while ...
D. No change is necessary.
13. While Dr. Kinser bounced down the stairs. (A) and strode through the hallway. (B) A brightly colored tie streamed over his shoulder. (C) flapping in his wake.
- A. ... stairs, and ...
B. ... hallway, a ...
C. ... shoulder flapping ...
D. No change is necessary.
14. Despite her parents' disapproval. (A) Tran continues to date Charlie. (B) A nice young man. (C) whose only fault is not being born Vietnamese.
- A. ... disapproval Tran ...
B. ... Charlie, a ...
C. ... man. Whose ...
D. No change is necessary.

15. Anyone who visits Neil will find uneaten fruit all over his apartment. ^(A) Such as rotting bananas on the kitchen counter. ^(B) desiccated grapes in a bowl on the coffee table. ^(C) and a drippy apple on the bureau by the bed.
- A. ... apartment. For instance, he has rotting ...
 B. ... counter. Desiccated ...
 C. ... table. And ...
 D. No change is necessary.
16. Searching travel websites ^(A) to compare room and flight rates. ^(B) Shaquita fantasized about a spring break vacation to Hawaii. ^(C) As her unfinished algebra homework lay ignored on her desk.
- A. ... websites, to ...
 B. ... rates Shaquita ...
 C. ... Hawaii as ...
 D. No change is necessary.
17. Paulie is a daredevil ^(A) who enjoys skydiving, motorcycle racing, and boxing. But ^(B) won't eat raw cookie dough. ^(C) because he's afraid of bacteria from uncooked eggs.
- A. ... daredevil. Who ...
 B. ... But he won't ...
 C. ... dough, because ...
 D. No change is necessary.
18. The potted geranium wilted ^(A) from lack of water on Terry's kitchen window. ^(B) while the faucet dripped wastefully. ^(C) staining the porcelain sink with rust.
- A. ... wilted, from ...
 B. ... window. While ...
 C. ... wastefully staining ...
 D. No change is necessary.
19. His arms full of expensive science fiction paperbacks. ^(A) Cary remembered ^(B) that next semester's tuition was due in two weeks. ^(C) Making a trip to the library instead of the bookstore a better financial decision.
- A. ... paperbacks Cary ...
 B. ... remembered, that ...
 C. ... weeks, making ...
 D. No change is necessary.

20. With the huge number of confusing rules colliding in her head,^(A) Cindy took the quiz on fragments,^(B) and hoped,^(C) that she would remember enough of the material to pass.

- A. ... head. Cindy ...
- B. ... fragments, and ...
- C. ... hoped that ...
- D. No change is necessary.



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Fragments – Exercise 7

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Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose "No change is necessary."

1. After Deidre saw the tiny balance on her ATM receipt. ^(A) she realized. ^(B) that her meals for the next week would consist of cheap food. ^(C) such as peanut butter sandwiches and instant soup.

A. ... receipt. She ...
B. ... realized that ...
C. ... food. Such ...
D. No change is necessary.
2. Smiling with satisfaction ^(A) Michelle typed the last sentence of her research paper. Then a bolt of lightning crashed nearby. ^(B) extinguishing the electricity ^(C) and making poor Michelle wish that she had invested in a surge protector.

A. ... satisfaction, Michelle ...
B. ... nearby. Extinguishing ...
C. ... electricity. And ...
D. No change is necessary.
3. When the cell phone began to chime in her book bag. ^(A) Jasmine froze in her seat. ^(B) as all eyes in the room darted from her to Mr. Williams. ^(C) A professor who tolerated no interruptions during a lecture.

A. ... bag. Jasmine ...
B. ... seat. As ...
C. ... Williams, a ...
D. No change is necessary.
4. As Alex squeezed down the narrow row of chairs. ^(A) His heavy book bag bumped the large soda perched on a desk. ^(B) sending a shower of diet cola into Teresa's lap. ^(C) soaking her jeans.

A. ... chairs, his ...
B. ... desk. Sending ...
C. ... lap soaking ...
D. No change is necessary.