

FRAGMENT EXERCISES

(Note: The material gets progressively more difficult toward the end of this package)

I. Circle the letter of the sentence you think is **correct**:

1. A. After I had studied for two hours without stopping. B. Studying hard for two hours without stopping.
C. I studied hard for two hours without stopping.
2. A. Always something of interest going on at their house.
B. There was always something of interest going on at their house.
C. Interesting things always going on at their house.
3. A. Taking her out once but forgetting her last name. B. Even though he had taken her out once.
C. Even though he had taken her out once, he had forgotten her last name.
4. A. Making out a schedule is a good idea.
B. Although making out a schedule is a good idea.
C. A good idea to make out a schedule.
5. A. Paying off that bill, which I should have done long ago. B. Not having paid off that bill long ago.
C. Paying off that bill should have been done long ago.
6. A. It is an idea that goes back to ancient Greece. B. An idea that goes back to ancient Greece.
C. An idea going back to ancient Greece.
7. A. Which we all agreed to.
B. An idea we all agreed to.
C. It was an idea we all agreed to.
8. A. Just watching the exciting game on T.V.
B. Just watching the game on T.V. was exciting.
C. Just to watch the exciting game on T.V.
9. A. As if he knew what she was talking about.
B. Pretending he knew what she was talking about.
C. He pretended as if he knew what she was talking about.
10. A. My hobby being one not many people are interested in.
B. My hobby is not one many people are interested in.
C. A hobby that is not one many people are interested in.

II. Circle the letter of the sentence you think is **incorrect**:

1. A. After I had studied hard for two hours without stopping. B. I studied hard for two hours without stopping.
C. Studying hard for two hours without stopping is exhausting.
2. A. Interesting things are always going on at their house.
B. Always something of interest going on at their house.
C. There are always interesting things going on at their house.
3. A. Even though he had taken her out once, he had forgotten her name. B. He had taken her out once, but had forgotten her name.
C. Even though he had taken her out once, but had forgotten her name.
4. A. Since making out a schedule is a good idea. B. A good idea is to make out a schedule.
C. Making out a schedule is a good idea.
5. A. I paid off that bill, which I should have done long ago. B. I should have paid off that bill long ago.
C. That bill payment, which I should have done long ago.
6. A. It is an idea that goes back to ancient Greece. B. This idea goes back to ancient Greece.
C. An idea that goes back to ancient Greece.
7. A. It had been an idea we all agreed to.
B. An idea that we had all been agreed upon.
C. We had all been agreed upon that idea.
8. A. Pretending he knew what she was talking about, he listened quietly.
B. As he listened quietly, he pretended he knew what she was talking about.
C. Pretending he knew what she was talking about and listening quietly.
9. A. Just watching the exciting game that was on T.V. B. Just watching the game on T.V. was exciting.
C. Just watching the game on T.V. we were excited.
10. A. It is a hobby that not many people are interested in. B. My hobby is not one many people are interested in.
C. A hobby of mine that not many people are interested in.

III. Write an "F" for fragment or an "S" for sentence in the blanks before each group of words.

___s___ 1. Whenever you are ready to leave.

S_____ 2. On the horizon the moon was just coming up.

- _f___ 3. That she was a conscientious person.
- __s__ 4. I enjoy writing letters.
- _f___ 5. Which is what I should have done long ago.
- __f_ 6. While he just stood there and waited.
- __s_ 7. It was on the shelf in the closet.
- _f___ 8. Since it had been snowing for days.
- F___ 9. Beginning on Monday.
- _f___ 10. Going to games which we always lost.
- __s__ 11. Because I was also trying to use the phone.
- __f_ 12. Giving her the incentive that was needed.
- __f_ 13. When we realized what had happened.
- __f_ 14. Sitting there breathlessly watching all afternoon.
- __f_ 15. Speeding down the highway at 90 MPH.
- __f_ 16. After I heard the car door slam.
- __s__ 17. A political program that makes sense.
- __s__ 18. A book that explains how to make money fast.
- __s_ 19. If you want it, it will cost you.
- __f_ 20. If you like this rug, which we bought in Persia.
- __s__ 21. Horses which are fast.
- __s_ 22. A handle broken off a cup.
- _s___ 23. Whenever I see him.
- __f_ 24. Although class was over.
- __s_ 25. The bell rang as I left.

IV. Write an "F" for fragment or an "S" for sentence in the blanks before each group of words. If either one is a fragment, combine it with the other, changing punctuation as necessary to create a complete sentence.

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| ___ s ___ | 1. | Built over 1500 years ago. Some Roman roads are still in use. |
| ___ s ___ | 2. | The children seldom buy anything. They just like to wander about the store. |
| ___ _s_ | 3. | I read the directions many times. Until I practically memorized them. |
| ___ s ___ | 4. | Boone was friendly with the Indians. And learned many of their ways. |
| ___ _s_ | 5. | Almost as soon as the bomber was produced. It became obsolete. |
| _s_ ___ | 6. | Cutting out the article. I mailed it to my friend. |
| ___ _s_ | 7. | Jane counted the people. To see if she had enough sandwiches. |
| ___ _s_ | 8. | Our problems are nothing. The Robinsons really have problems. |
| S | 9. | The ladder is made of aluminum. Which makes it easy to handle. |
| ___ ___s | 10. | Besides being a great artist. Michelangelo was an engineer as well. |
| ___ _s_ | 11. | Of the many companies that go into business. Only a few survive. |
| ___ s | 12. | Actors like to visit remote islands. Where they will not be recognized. |
| ___ s ___ | 13. | After the Congress had passed the bill. The President vetoed it. |
| ___ s ___ | 14. | To get the best possible deal. Tracy compared prices at six stores. |
| ___ _s_ | 15. | Kelly didn't believe the argument. That we couldn't afford the repair. |
| _e_ ___ | 16. | We arrived on time. Unfortunately the show was cancelled. |
| ___ _s_ | 17. | Just because I totaled the car. I lost my insurance. |
| ___ s ___ | 18. | He left the game early. Knowing his team wouldn't win. |
| ___ s | 19. | In a sugary tone of voice. Hannah asked for a new car. |
| ___ s | 20. | Exhausted by the long hot drive. We reached Omaha at midnight. |

V. In the margin, write "F" for fragment or "S" for sentence. For the fragments, add words to create a complete sentence.

- S___ 1. Green is my favorite color.
- _f___ 2. While going there. Mohamed thought about school work
- F___ 3. If I want to. I'll do it
- _s___ 4. Which is not going to happen.
- S___ 5. It is now almost over.
- _f___ 6. Ending yesterday. The show premiered it's final episode
- S__ 7. When I knew she had gone.
- S___ 8. The Mercedes with the blue top.
- F___ 9. I am Peeling carrots forever.
- __s__ 10. I cut my finger instead of the carrot.
- S___ 11. Because it might get infected.
- __s_ 12. Band-Aids that keep the moisture in.
- __f_ 13. I pledge to Never to have carrots again.
- _f___ 14. Since my check was late. I waited
- __s__ 15. That I gave it to him.
- _s___ 16. That is something I didn=t know..
- F___ 17. After bombing the test. I went home
- _f___ 18. If I don't study more. I won't ace the test
- _f___ 19. It was Causing the economy to flounder.
- __s__ 20. In the bathtub was my watch.
- __s_ 21. Which is why I never go there.
- S 22. Because he was going over the speed limit.

S 23. One writing text that doesn't look threatening.

S 24. You may take it, if you want.

F 25. He didn't realise That his score was the
highest in the class.

VI. Write an "F" for fragment or an "S" for sentence in the blanks before each group of words. If either one is a fragment, combine it with the other, changing punctuation as necessary to create a complete sentence.

___ f ___ 1. I rode so much the first day, That my callouses made me sit
two inches taller.

___ s ___ 2. Muscles tend to deteriorate. Unless they are used.

F ___ 3. Doing homework, Which seemed unnecessary.

___ f ___ 4. Besides wanting a degree, I want to be rich.

___ s ___ 5. The little boy followed his sister. Knowing she'd protect him.

___ s ___ 6. Until you get this right. You must be patient.

F 7. Of all the people I know, You're the quietest.

___ s ___ 8. Samuel F.B. Morse was an inventor, And a painter who
studied in Europe.

___ f ___ 9. After painting the house, I rested and drank root beer.

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___, ___ 10. Standing on his head, Made his face red.

___ f ___ 11. My dog waits, To see if she can go too.

___ s ___ 12. Corvettes are made of fiberglass. Which crushes easily.

___ s ___ 13. I like to study. Where I won't be disturbed.

___ s ___ 14. I lost my pencil. The only one I had.

___ s ___ 15. My pay is too low. Because inflation is too high.

___ s ___ 16. The tire was flat. A nail was in it.

___ f ___ 17. Stunned by the blow, The bird dropped to the ground.

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___ 18. I like to eat. Where the food is cheap and good.

____ s ____ 19. The teacher was terrible. But I liked the class anyway.

____ ____ f _ 20. After it rained for three hours, Our tent flooded.