

## Fragments – Exercise 2

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

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

9. <sup>A</sup> Horrified, Sherri stared at her reflection in the mirror. <sup>B</sup> Hair sticking out in seventeen different directions, a spot of whipped cream on her chin, and a green pen mark across her nose. <sup>C</sup> Why hadn't her friends at the table mentioned her disarray?
10. <sup>A</sup> Lying awake in the dark room, staring up at the shadows that danced across the ceiling. <sup>B</sup> Jason worried about the shuffling and thumps that he heard outside. <sup>C</sup> Raccoons—not hungry zombies with grabbing arms—were prowling behind the house.
11. <sup>A</sup> Like amber honey, Helene's long hair dripped over her shoulders and spilled down her back. <sup>B</sup> Styling products, moreover, made the tresses as sticky as pancake syrup. <sup>C</sup> Catching pieces of thread, feathers, dust, and even an occasional insect that buzzed too close.
12. <sup>A</sup> While eating the plate of sesame chicken, Maria was thankful for her skill with chopsticks. <sup>B</sup> Eating utensils that required only one hand to use. <sup>C</sup> 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. <sup>A</sup> To stay awake for a long evening of chemistry homework. <sup>B</sup> Beth made a huge pot of coffee. <sup>C</sup> Unfortunately, her heart beat so fast and her legs jiggled so violently that the poor girl couldn't concentrate.
14. <sup>A</sup> Diane picked at the slice of cheesecake with her car keys. <sup>B</sup> While Nick sucked whipped cream off his fingers. <sup>C</sup> Horrified, Rachel watched her roommates decimate the dessert that she had spent three hours preparing.
15. <sup>A</sup> Cringing with anxiety at the grade that she might find. <sup>B</sup> Nancy peeked at the last page of the essay. <sup>C</sup> The big red A sent waves of relief radiating through her body.
16. <sup>A</sup> Jonathon often tries to shock his English teacher, Mrs. Mauzy, with weird paper topics. <sup>B</sup> Such as eating tarantulas or wearing women's underwear. <sup>C</sup> Mrs. Mauzy remains nonplussed, scandalized only by the number of fragments in Jonathon's essays.
17. <sup>A</sup> To save enough money to pay tuition, Tanisha keeps a strict budget. <sup>B</sup> She never carries more than three dollars in her wallet. <sup>C</sup> To avoid making impulse purchases like a pizza or CD that will cause her to come up short when registration begins.
18. <sup>A</sup> To keep the cat from sleeping on her new convertible's canvas top. <sup>B</sup> Kim leaves the garden hose out. <sup>C</sup> 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. <sup>A</sup> Dr. Gregory surveyed the auditorium full of nervous, sweating biochemistry students. <sup>B</sup> Her gaze often stopped on Bryan. <sup>C</sup> Whose test anxiety manifested in the loud popping of his knuckles and the high-speed bouncing of his left leg.
20. <sup>A</sup> To save money on a haircut that he badly needed. <sup>B</sup> Raja let Tina, his roommate and an aspiring stylist, trim his shaggy head. <sup>C</sup> Honestly, a blender or a weed whacker could have done a better job!



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