

Fragments – Exercise 6

This handout accompanies Exercise 6 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

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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