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FRAGMENTS – EXERCISE 3

Directions: Read the passage that follows. Determine which parts are **fragments**. Check your answers with the **interactive version** of the exercise.

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

