

Fragments – Exercise 4

This handout accompanies Exercise 4 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 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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