

Fragments – Exercise 7

This handout accompanies Exercise 7 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.”

- After Deidre saw the tiny balance on her ATM receipt,^(A) she realized,^(B) that her meals for the next week would consist of cheap food,^(C) such as peanut butter sandwiches and instant soup.
 - ... receipt. She ...
 - ... realized that ...
 - ... food. Such ...
 - No change is necessary.
- Smiling with satisfaction^(A), Michelle typed the last sentence of her research paper. Then a bolt of lightning crashed nearby,^(B) extinguishing the electricity^(C), and making poor Michelle wish that she had invested in a surge protector.
 - ... satisfaction, Michelle ...
 - ... nearby. Extinguishing ...
 - ... electricity. And ...
 - No change is necessary.
- When the cell phone began to chime in her book bag,^(A) Jasmine froze in her seat,^(B) as all eyes in the room darted from her to Mr. Williams.^(C) A professor who tolerated no interruptions during a lecture.
 - ... bag. Jasmine ...
 - ... seat. As ...
 - ... Williams, a ...
 - No change is necessary.
- As Alex squeezed down the narrow row of chairs,^(A) His heavy book bag bumped the large soda perched on a desk,^(B) sending a shower of diet cola into Teresa’s lap,^(C) soaking her jeans.
 - ... chairs, his ...
 - ... desk. Sending ...
 - ... lap soaking ...
 - No change is necessary.

5. You might think_(A) that a floor-length dress is conservative_(B) until you see the one that Christina wears_(C) A psychedelic swirl of pinks and purples that attracts everyone's attention.
- A. ... think, that ...
B. ... conservative. Until ...
C. ... wears. It is a ...
D. No change is necessary.
6. As all of her classmates were sharing results_(A) Melody quietly left the room_(B) and found a quiet corner in the hallway_(C) so that she could see her grade without embarrassing herself in front of her friends.
- A. ... results, Melody ...
B. ... room, and ...
C. ... hallway. So that ...
D. No change is necessary.
7. Gloria and Scooby stood in front of the bathroom mirror_(A) bitterly complaining about the difficult midterm and stern teaching in their biology course_(B) As Mrs. Perry, their professor_(C) eavesdropped from inside a far stall.
- A. ... mirror bitterly ...
B. ... course as ...
C. ... professor eavesdropped ...
D. No change is necessary.
8. One day in class, Shantrell rested her head against the wall_(A) and discovered_(B) that she could hear the classical music that Mr. Nguyen played in his office on the other side_(C) The music promptly put her to sleep.
- A. ... wall. And ...
B. ... discovered, that ...
C. ... side. Which ...
D. No change is necessary.
9. While Professor Koopman explained the consequences of the French Revolution_(A) Tiffany and Faith sniffled uncomfortably in their seats_(B) suffocated by the cheap shaving lotion_(C) that Henry always wore.
- A. ... Revolution. Tiffany ...
B. ... seats. Suffocated ...
C. ... lotion, that ...
D. No change is necessary.

10. Once classes were over,^(A) **Maria** used to meet her lab partner Chris at the diner near campus,^(B) until she discovered that Chris preferred,^(C) to flirt with the waitresses instead of discussing their chemistry homework.
- A. ... over Maria ...
B. ... campus, until ...
C. ... preferred to ...
D. No change is necessary.
11. Coated with dust,^(A) the blinds filtered shadowy light into Adrian's cluttered apartment,^(B) where clothing and empty take-out boxes littered the floor.^(C) As flies buzzed around rotting bananas on the kitchen counter.
- A. ... dust the ...
B. ... apartment. Where ...
C. ... floor as ...
D. No change is necessary.
12. Hands covered in cookie dough,^(A) **Madeline** ran to the phone,^(B) hoping that the call was from Eric.^(C) Her boyfriend who had broken his promise to call the day before.
- A. ... dough Madeline ...
B. ... phone hoping ...
C. ... Eric, her ...
D. No change is necessary.
13. Wendy pushed her glasses up her nose,^(A) and blew loose strands of hair from her eyes,^(B) hoping that clearer vision would help her make sense of the difficult algebra problem.^(C) that she was trying to solve.
- A. ... nose and ...
B. ... eyes. Hoping ...
C. ... problem, that ...
D. No change is necessary.
14. To get on his mother's good side,^(A) **Rufus** offered to unpack the groceries,^(B) but dropped the carton of eggs that Mom would later need,^(C) to make chocolate-broccoli muffins for the church bake sale.
- A. ... side Rufus ...
B. ... groceries. But he dropped ...
C. ... need, to ...
D. No change is necessary.

15. Circling the parking lot,^(A) Dominique searched for an empty space close to the mall entrance,^(B) so that an afternoon thunderstorm wouldn't drench her,^(C) while she was loaded down with good buys.
- A. ... lot Dominique ...
B. ... entrance. So ...
C. ... her, while ...
D. No change is necessary.
16. If his friends walked into the bookstore,^(A) Boris had a stack of car magazines as camouflage,^(B) but he was really reading *Better Homes and Gardens*, studying decorating ideas,^(C) to spruce up his first apartment.
- A. ... bookstore, Boris ...
B. ... camouflage but ...
C. ... ideas, to ...
D. No change is necessary.
17. To make his long shift at Bernie's Burger Emporium tolerable,^(A) Kelvin used ketchup,^(B) to make smiley faces on the burgers,^(C) that he assembled at the grill.
- A. ... tolerable. Kelvin ...
B. ... ketchup to ...
C. ... burgers, that ...
D. No change is necessary.
18. Darryl has the messiest book bag,^(A) of anyone Rachel knows,^(B) he essentially has a compost pile rotting in the main compartment,^(C) For instance, pistachio shells, pencil shavings, and a brown banana.
- A. ... bag, of ...
B. ... knows, he ...
C. ... compartment. For instance, there are pistachio ...
D. No change is necessary.
19. Mrs. Neal loves chocolate cake,^(A) But couldn't accept the slice that her student Michael offered,^(B) because she knew that it was a bribe,^(C) for a better grade on his midterm essay.
- A. ... cake but ...
B. ... offered. Because ...
C. ... bribe, for ...
D. No change is necessary.

20. Dressing for her interview with the recruiters,^(A) Leisha debated wearing four hoops in each ear and a nose ring,^(B) or removing the jewelry,^(C) and tolerating convention during the college job fair.

- A. ... recruiters Leisha ...
- B. ... ring. Or ...
- C. ... jewelry, and ...
- D. No change is necessary.



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