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Written Expression
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Practice: Sentence Fragments.

Note: Sentence fragment errors can be corrected in the following ways:

- 1) If there is not a subject, add one.
- 2) If there is not a verb, add one.
- 3) If there is a dependent clause without an independent clause, either:
 - a) Add an independent clause, or
 - b) Join the dependent clause to an existing independent clause, or
 - d) Revise the dependent clause to form an independent clause.

Exercise 1: Some of the following sentences contain fragments; others do not. Write F before each fragment, and S before each complete sentence.

- ___ 1. If your parents think today's fashions are weird.
- ___ 2. They should see the clothes people wore in the Middle Ages.
- ___ 3. Patterns of floral or geometric shapes popular.
- ___ 4. Liked clothes that were half one color and half another.
- ___ 5. Might have one green leg and one red leg.
- ___ 6. People often wore heavy belts decorated with metal and jewels.
- ___ 8. Edges of clothing into shapes called dagges.
- ___ 9. Sleeves with streamers that were two or three feet long.
- ___ 10. Shoes had long toes that were padded to retain their shape.
- ___ 11. Tights of velvet or silk.
- ___ 12. When clothes were edged and lined in fur.
- ___ 13. Layers were very common in medieval clothing.
- ___ 14. Was a way of displaying wealth.
- ___ 15. The more clothes a person could afford to wear, the wealthier that person was.
- ___ 16. Might wear a short-sleeved tunic over a long-sleeved tunic, with a sleeveless mantle over all.
- ___ 17. The usual head covering for men a hood with an attached shoulder cape and a long, extended point, like a tail.
- ___ 18. Women wore a neckcloth pinned to their braids, hiding their hair.
- ___ 19. On top of the head, would wear a veil, a linen crown, or a small, round hat.
- ___ 20. In the later Middle Ages, women wore jeweled metal nets over their coiled braids.

___ 21. Current fashions a little boring in comparison.

Bonus Exercise: Using the fragments and sentences from the previous exercise (01), write a coherent and well-organized paragraph.

P.S. Do not leave out any information.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the following sentences to correct the fragments.

1. While keeping pets is fun. It is also a big responsibility.

2. Pets can cause problems. Jumping up and down and scratching furniture.

3. The field trip to the zoo has been cancelled. Because all of the children are sick today.

4. Ms. Webster, our English teacher, was very cool. Allowing the paper to be handed in late.

5. We had a feast for dinner. After the roast was cooked.

6. The choir sang Christmas carols. The entire evening.

7. Jackie enjoys baking and eating desserts. Especially chocolate cake.

8. We could not finish rehearsing. Since we were completely out of time.

9. The team went out for pizza to celebrate. Having won the championship.

10. We aced the test. Because we studied all night.

Exercise 3: Each item below contains a sentence fragment. Fix it in the space provided.

1. The economy has everyone in the world worried and stressed. Especially in the Midwest.

2. I have learned a lot in the five months I have worked at Walmart. Even more than I learned throughout high school.

3. Over the years as my aunt grew up into a woman and we adopted many of her traditions.

4. As I sit in my writing class to take the exit exam, so that I can pass this class.

5. Especially since most people in the United States would never travel to a strange new land just for adventure.

6. When I was given the opportunity to write a research paper on any topic of my choice.

7. After treatment with a therapist and his recovery from a life of alcohol addiction.

8. I would lie to my boss. Saying I could not work on a given day because I was busy with schoolwork or some other activity.

9. My mother, a nurse who gives so much of her time to the community by doing charity work, visiting nursing homes, and feeding the homeless.

10. Over the past few years, I have made many dumb decisions. Decisions ranging from not attending school on a test date to running from mall security guards.

11. In May of 2009, when my dad gave me an ultimatum of either going back to school or moving out of his house. I had to make a decision that would affect the rest of my life.

12. I started working at the university. Which not only helped me with money but also helped me focus on school.

13. No idea about the relationship between the parents' divorce and the child's behavior.

8. In the midst of the storm, when thunder roars and lightning strikes.

Exercise 4: The following paragraphs have sentence fragments. Revise each fragment so that the paragraphs will make sense.

1. The study of French requires patience. Because the grammar rules are different from those of the English language. This should not discourage you from learning a new language. It important to be able to communicate with people from other countries. In fact, in Canada it is doubly important to learn French. So you will be better able to communicate with your fellow citizens. Which include getting a job and being able to travel. For these reasons encourage you to accept the challenge and learn French.

2. I prefer living in smaller communities. While they may not offer all the services of larger cities. They are advantageous in many ways. Less pollution, less noise and fewer people. Knowing your neighbors is another advantage. Being part of a community. Having a feeling of belonging is rare in high-rise apartments. Because they are overcrowded and poorly designed. Perhaps living away from the city means fewer choices for entertainment, shopping and excitement, but means more time for family and friends.

3. When preparing a meal, you should pay special attention to proper food handling techniques. Following these guidelines. Which can help to keep you and your family, safe and healthy. First, you should wash your hands. Before handling any food. You should also ensure that dishes, utensils and work surfaces are clean. Next, food needs to be stored in the refrigerator until it is used. In addition, all fruits vegetables must be washed thoroughly. Because there could be chemicals or bacteria on their peel. When cooking with meat, ensure it fully cooked. Fully cooked before serving so any bacteria are killed by the heat. Finally, you serve food on clean dishes, not those which previous held raw meat or unwashed produce. This may appear to be time-consuming work. But it can save your life.