

# SENTENCE FRAGMENTS: Practice Exercise 1

Circle whether the sentence is a fragment or a full sentence

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1.  
Before the committee finished the annual report. (fragment or full sentence)  
Get the file on Designs Unlimited for me. (fragment or full sentence)  
Although the textbooks have not yet arrived. (fragment or full sentence)
2.  
Unless Mr. Parsons arranges the meeting. (fragment or full sentence)  
In the most interesting book that I have ever read. (fragment or full sentence)  
We considered several solutions to the problem. (fragment or full sentence)
3.  
Running the presses all by himself. (fragment or full sentence)  
Impressed by the largest buildings in town. (fragment or full sentence)  
Because Miles could not attend the seminar, he borrowed my notes. (fragment or full sentence)
4.  
By hiding all the ash trays in the house. (fragment or full sentence)  
Our company changed its operating procedures. (fragment or full sentence)  
The radio been on for hours. (fragment or full sentence)
5.  
To answer her audiences' many questions. (fragment or full sentence)  
Convince members to vote for the bill. (fragment or full sentence)  
Wanting to be respected by others is not a selfish goal. (fragment or full sentence)
6.  
While we were waiting, the usher announced the show was canceled. (fragment or full sentence)  
When we finally arrived at the hotel. (fragment or full sentence)  
That we expect to find in better condition. (fragment or full sentence)
7.  
Leaving early to catch a flight at the local airport. (fragment or full sentence)  
Many of the students looking forward to the end of the semester. (fragment or full sentence)  
To play the guitar better has been my dream for years. (fragment or full sentence)
8.  
At the monthly meeting of the regional astronomy society. (fragment or full sentence)  
In the last five minutes, she has sneezed ten times. (fragment or full sentence)  
Continuing to think that the weather would clear. (fragment or full sentence)
9.  
The water was overflowing from the tub by the time she returned. (fragment or full sentence)  
Since his subscription to the computer magazine had run out. (fragment or full sentence)  
Several dogs running through the backyard. (fragment or full sentence)

sentence)

**10.**

Testing the sound system in the auditorium. (fragment or full sentence)

Hearing the train approaching, the crowd moved closer to the edge of the platform.

(fragment or full sentence)

Before picking up her car at the repair shop.

(fragment or full sentence)

**11.**

Falling interest rates have resulted in increased real estate sales. (fragment or full sentence)

Which we were all very happy to hear about.

(fragment or full sentence)

In the few stores that carry parts for that model.

(fragment or full sentence)

**12.**

Mr. Higgins been nominated for president of the nature society. (fragment or full sentence)

Dreaming of clear blue summer skies .

(fragment or full sentence)

When we saw how much the town had changed, we were disappointed. (fragment or full sentence)

**13.**

James having trouble starting his car.

(fragment or full sentence)

Before deciding to finish weeding the garden

(fragment or full sentence)

Raised in Boston, she later moved to Tucson.

(fragment or full sentence)

**14.**

Surprised at how enthusiastic their response was.

(fragment or full sentence)

Music sifted gently through the open windows.

(fragment or full sentence)

At the opening of the new museum.

(fragment or full sentence)

**15.**

Since we knew they were busy, we didn't bother to call.

(fragment or full sentence)

That she heard on the news this morning.

(fragment or full sentence)

Whose latest book she had just read.

(fragment or full sentence)

**16.**

To graduate in the top 10 percent of the class.

(fragment or full sentence)

The singer at the wedding, who was so highly recommended, sounded awful. (fragment or full sentence)

Which made me feel even worse than before.

(fragment or full sentence)

**17.**

Crossing the light just as the light changed.

(fragment or full sentence)

From the way he signaled to his assistant.

(fragment or full sentence)

When they returned, I was asleep.

(fragment or full sentence)

**18.**

Before the party was over.

(fragment or full sentence)

After the game, we went out to eat.

(fragment or full sentence)

Who planned the entire convention.

(fragment or full sentence)

**19.**

Caitlin been working at the restaurant for three months.

(fragment or full sentence)

By preparing his speech several days in advance.

(fragment or full sentence)

Watching television is a favorite pastime for many.

(fragment or full sentence)

**20.**

Although the reports aren't ready yet.

(fragment or full sentence)

At the end of the last song, the audience stood and applauded.

(fragment or full sentence)

Considering that the car has so many miles on it.

(fragment or full sentence)