

106 Sentence Problems

Sentence Fragments

A fragment is a group of words that does not express a complete thought. Since it is only part of a sentence, it should not be allowed to stand by itself.

On the line provided, write F if the words form a fragment and S if they form a complete sentence.

EXAMPLE: The lamp which tipped on its side.

The robin flew back to its nest.

F
S

1. On the top of the mantel which holds the delicately sculptured, alabaster Chinese statue. _____
2. Yearning for meaning in one's life. _____
3. John is forever teasing his younger sister. _____
4. Glancing at the thick Sunday paper. _____
5. Christy, who is blowing bubbles in her milk and giggling. _____
6. To enjoy the warmth of a summer day and the luxury of a cool swim in a neighbor's pool. _____
7. The small, four-seater aircraft that just took off is going from Des Moines, Iowa, to Denver, Colorado. _____
8. Although he frowned menacingly at the two small children who were wearing dirty overalls. _____
9. At Saint Croix in the Virgin Islands where the water is warm and crystal clear. _____
10. Before marching down the deck, the sailor saluted the captain. _____
11. On a scorching summer day when children and adults alike enjoy the cool, clean taste of fresh fruit and sip tall, icy glasses of lemonade. _____
12. Rosa, sitting and basking in the golden rays of the sun. _____
13. Above the mantel the soft, pastel oil painting of a little girl with somber, brown eyes and pursed lips. _____
14. Jonathan, the outstanding baseball player. _____
15. Casually pursuing the forbidden topic. _____
16. After the violent, summer storm, we were content to stay at home. _____
17. Stretching on for miles through golden, barren, and rocky terrain. _____
18. Mr. Michaels, who is an Oxford scholar specializing in early American history. _____
19. Where the first humans began their existence. _____
20. Lois Lane, the *Daily Planet's* star reporter, whom Superman loved. _____