

22.4**Fragments (Recognizing Fragments) • Practice 1**

Fragments A fragment is a group of words that does not express a complete thought. Part of a sentence should not be presented as a full sentence ending with a period or other end mark.

Fragments	Sentences
Because we missed the train	We were late <i>because we missed the train</i> .
After the rainfall	<i>After the rainfall</i> , the river rose.
Without looking back	Sue got on the train <i>without looking back</i> .
The boy wearing the green shirt	<i>The boy wearing the green shirt</i> is Tim.
Hope to return to New York someday	<i>They hope to return to New York someday</i> .

Exercise 1 **Identifying Sentence Fragments.** Write whether each group of words is a *sentence* or a *fragment*.

EXAMPLE: Riding on the *Orient Express*. fragment

- To see the new museum was a real thrill. _____
- Which Cindy got for her birthday. _____
- Who won? _____
- The player with the lowest score. _____
- Enjoys working out at the gym. _____
- Stop. _____
- The smell of buttery popcorn. _____
- The most amazing thing about Andrew. _____
- Playing musical chairs. _____
- My bike is missing. _____
- What time is it? _____
- After searching high and low. _____
- The combination of diet, rest, and exercise. _____
- Surrounded by a line of poplars. _____
- The movie is hilarious. _____
- Bagels used to be found only in the East. _____
- Whoever you want. _____
- After the circus had come to our town. _____
- Beyond the ridge lay another valley. _____
- Known for good service, the restaurant prospered. _____

Exercise 2 **Identifying Fragments in a Paragraph.** Underline each sentence fragment in the paragraph below.

EXAMPLE: We gathered all our equipment. Before setting out on our camping trip.

(1) We each had a sleeping bag and backpack. (2) Which we would carry ourselves. (3) Dad would drag the tent behind him on poles. (4) As some Indians had dragged their tepees. (5) The day before the expedition. (6) We had done our food shopping. (7) Our main purchases had been lightweight, dried foods. (8) Including rice, nuts and dried fruit, and beans. (9) After one last check of our list. (10) We were ready to start out on our adventure.