

Identifying Fragments: *Answer Key*

- S 1. The DNA test revealed nothing.
- F 2. Because she could not find the store.
- S 3. Bill was finally able to go on vacation.
- F 4. Which upset her greatly.
- F 5. Never calling her mother.
- F 6. Sara's latest shopping spree.
- S 7. A fork landed on the floor.
- F 8. Marcus, being as brave as he could be.
- F 9. Some cake made by my aunt.
- F 10. The picture which was taken on vacation.
- S 11. Study hard for the test.
- S 12. Another storm is on its way.
- F 13. A short course in history.
- F 14. As fast as I could get to the meeting.
- S 15. These toys are no longer working properly.

Revising Sentence Fragments: *Answer Key*

The following sentences have been rewritten to eliminate fragments. Other methods of combining may also be used. The fragments are in bold letters.

1. ¹The contrast between the two cats is great. ²**One of them being quiet and the other highly sociable.**

The contrast between the two cats is great. One of them is quiet, and the other is highly sociable.

2. ¹They moved into a condominium in a quiet neighborhood. ²**Quiet being all they wanted**

They moved into a condominium in a quiet neighborhood, quiet being all they wanted.

3. ¹The millennium specials have been very popular. ²**Sponsored in part by an oil company.** ³ ABC has shown several.

Sponsored in part by an oil company, the millennium specials have been very popular; ABC has shown several.

4. ¹The river was polluted with insecticides. ²Funds for cleaning it up were not available. ³The chemical company had gone bankrupt.

There are no fragments.

5. ¹Mike seems to be a good father. ²**Taking his children to ball games or on trips or just staying around the house teaching them new games.**

Mike seems to be a good father; he enjoys taking his children to ball games or on trips or just staying around the house teaching them new games.

6. ¹**When riding the subway.** I always read the advertisements above the windows. ²

When riding the subway, I always read the advertisements above the windows.

7. ¹I tried to be gentle with the old man. ²**Who had insulted me the day before but now wanted my assistance.**

I tried to be gentle with the old man who had insulted me the day before but now wanted my assistance.

8. ¹Tommy can be insulting and overbearing. ²For example, he said he should be in a dorm with "better-quality people."

There are no fragments.