

## Fragments – Exercise 7

This handout accompanies Exercise 7 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

**Directions:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

- After Deidre saw the tiny balance on her ATM receipt.<sup>(A)</sup> she realized.<sup>(B)</sup> that her meals for the next week would consist of cheap food.<sup>(C)</sup> such as peanut butter sandwiches and instant soup.
  - ... receipt. She ...
  - ... realized that ...
  - ... food. Such ...
  - No change is necessary.
- Smiling with satisfaction<sup>(A)</sup> Michelle typed the last sentence of her research paper. Then a bolt of lightning crashed nearby.<sup>(B)</sup> extinguishing the electricity<sup>(C)</sup> and making poor Michelle wish that she had invested in a surge protector.
  - ... satisfaction, Michelle ...
  - ... nearby. Extinguishing ...
  - ... electricity. And ...
  - No change is necessary.
- When the cell phone began to chime in her book bag.<sup>(A)</sup> Jasmine froze in her seat.<sup>(B)</sup> as all eyes in the room darted from her to Mr. Williams.<sup>(C)</sup> A professor who tolerated no interruptions during a lecture.
  - ... bag. Jasmine ...
  - ... seat. As ...
  - ... Williams, a ...
  - No change is necessary.
- As Alex squeezed down the narrow row of chairs.<sup>(A)</sup> His heavy book bag bumped the large soda perched on a desk.<sup>(B)</sup> sending a shower of diet cola into Teresa’s lap.<sup>(C)</sup> soaking her jeans.
  - ... chairs, his ...
  - ... desk. Sending ...
  - ... lap soaking ...
  - No change is necessary.

5. You might think<sub>(A)</sub> that a floor-length dress is conservative<sub>(B)</sub> until you see the one that Christina wears<sub>(C)</sub>. A psychedelic swirl of pinks and purples that attracts everyone's attention.
- A. ... think, that ...  
B. ... conservative. Until ...  
C. ... wears. It is a ...  
D. No change is necessary.
6. As all of her classmates were sharing results<sub>(A)</sub> Melody quietly left the room<sub>(B)</sub> and found a quiet corner in the hallway<sub>(C)</sub> so that she could see her grade without embarrassing herself in front of her friends.
- A. ... results, Melody ...  
B. ... room, and ...  
C. ... hallway. So that ...  
D. No change is necessary.
7. Gloria and Scooby stood in front of the bathroom mirror<sub>(A)</sub> bitterly complaining about the difficult midterm and stern teaching in their biology course<sub>(B)</sub>. As Mrs. Perry, their professor<sub>(C)</sub> eavesdropped from inside a far stall.
- A. ... mirror bitterly ...  
B. ... course as ...  
C. ... professor eavesdropped ...  
D. No change is necessary.
8. One day in class, Shantrell rested her head against the wall<sub>(A)</sub> and discovered<sub>(B)</sub> that she could hear the classical music that Mr. Nguyen played in his office on the other side<sub>(C)</sub>. The music promptly put her to sleep.
- A. ... wall. And ...  
B. ... discovered, that ...  
C. ... side. Which ...  
D. No change is necessary.
9. While Professor Koopman explained the consequences of the French Revolution<sub>(A)</sub> Tiffany and Faith sniffled uncomfortably in their seats<sub>(B)</sub> suffocated by the cheap shaving lotion<sub>(C)</sub> that Henry always wore.
- A. ... Revolution. Tiffany ...  
B. ... seats. Suffocated ...  
C. ... lotion, that ...  
D. No change is necessary.

10. Once classes were over,<sup>(A)</sup> **Maria** used to meet her lab partner Chris at the diner near campus,<sup>(B)</sup> until she discovered that Chris preferred,<sup>(C)</sup> to flirt with the waitresses instead of discussing their chemistry homework.
- A. ... over Maria ...  
B. ... campus, until ...  
C. ... preferred to ...  
D. No change is necessary.
11. Coated with dust,<sup>(A)</sup> the blinds filtered shadowy light into Adrian's cluttered apartment,<sup>(B)</sup> where clothing and empty take-out boxes littered the floor,<sup>(C)</sup> As flies buzzed around rotting bananas on the kitchen counter.
- A. ... dust the ...  
B. ... apartment. Where ...  
C. ... floor as ...  
D. No change is necessary.
12. Hands covered in cookie dough,<sup>(A)</sup> **Madeline** ran to the phone,<sup>(B)</sup> hoping that the call was from Eric,<sup>(C)</sup> Her boyfriend who had broken his promise to call the day before.
- A. ... dough Madeline ...  
B. ... phone hoping ...  
C. ... Eric, her ...  
D. No change is necessary.
13. Wendy pushed her glasses up her nose,<sup>(A)</sup> and blew loose strands of hair from her eyes,<sup>(B)</sup> hoping that clearer vision would help her make sense of the difficult algebra problem,<sup>(C)</sup> that she was trying to solve.
- A. ... nose and ...  
B. ... eyes. Hoping ...  
C. ... problem, that ...  
D. No change is necessary.
14. To get on his mother's good side,<sup>(A)</sup> **Rufus** offered to unpack the groceries,<sup>(B)</sup> but dropped the carton of eggs that Mom would later need,<sup>(C)</sup> to make chocolate-broccoli muffins for the church bake sale.
- A. ... side Rufus ...  
B. ... groceries. But he dropped ...  
C. ... need, to ...  
D. No change is necessary.

15. Circling the parking lot,<sup>(A)</sup> Dominique searched for an empty space close to the mall entrance,<sup>(B)</sup> so that an afternoon thunderstorm wouldn't drench her,<sup>(C)</sup> while she was loaded down with good buys.
- A. ... lot Dominique ...  
B. ... entrance. So ...  
C. ... her, while ...  
D. No change is necessary.
16. If his friends walked into the bookstore,<sup>(A)</sup> Boris had a stack of car magazines as camouflage,<sup>(B)</sup> but he was really reading *Better Homes and Gardens*, studying decorating ideas,<sup>(C)</sup> to spruce up his first apartment.
- A. ... bookstore, Boris ...  
B. ... camouflage but ...  
C. ... ideas, to ...  
D. No change is necessary.
17. To make his long shift at Bernie's Burger Emporium tolerable,<sup>(A)</sup> Kelvin used ketchup,<sup>(B)</sup> to make smiley faces on the burgers,<sup>(C)</sup> that he assembled at the grill.
- A. ... tolerable. Kelvin ...  
B. ... ketchup to ...  
C. ... burgers, that ...  
D. No change is necessary.
18. Darryl has the messiest book bag,<sup>(A)</sup> of anyone Rachel knows,<sup>(B)</sup> he essentially has a compost pile rotting in the main compartment,<sup>(C)</sup> For instance, pistachio shells, pencil shavings, and a brown banana.
- A. ... bag, of ...  
B. ... knows, he ...  
C. ... compartment. For instance, there are pistachio ...  
D. No change is necessary.
19. Mrs. Neal loves chocolate cake,<sup>(A)</sup> But couldn't accept the slice that her student Michael offered,<sup>(B)</sup> because she knew that it was a bribe,<sup>(C)</sup> for a better grade on his midterm essay.
- A. ... cake but ...  
B. ... offered. Because ...  
C. ... bribe, for ...  
D. No change is necessary.

20. Dressing for her interview with the recruiters,<sup>(A)</sup> Leisha debated wearing four hoops in each ear and a nose ring,<sup>(B)</sup> or removing the jewelry,<sup>(C)</sup> and tolerating convention during the college job fair.

- A. ... recruiters Leisha ...
- B. ... ring. Or ...
- C. ... jewelry, and ...
- D. No change is necessary.



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