

Practice Workbook 8

Correcting Sentence Fragments

A **sentence fragment** is a group of words that does not express a complete thought. You can add words or phrases to sentence fragments to form complete sentences.

Sentence: I forgot Dad's birthday.
Sentence Fragment: To make it up to Dad.

Read each group of words. Tell whether it is a **sentence** or **sentence fragment** by circling the correct label.

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| 1. Thought about it for a long time. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 2. I sat on the couch and thought. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 3. Might buy him a book or a tie. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 4. Had almost no money. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 5. Dad likes thoughtful gifts. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 6. Not one for clothes or gadgets. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 7. As I thought about a gift for Dad. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 8. I took a look at Dad's car. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 9. A really dirty, dusty machine. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 10. I ran down to the auto supply store. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 11. On the way to the store. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 12. Picked up some car wax and polish. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 13. I also bought some nice soft cloth. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 14. Waited until Dad was taking a nap. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 15. I sneaked downstairs to the garage. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 16. I scrubbed and polished. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 17. When Dad saw his car in the evening. | sentence | sentence fragment |
| 18. Looked like a brand-new machine. | sentence | sentence fragment |