

FRAGMENT PRACTICE I

Read each paragraph below. If the paragraph contains a fragment, select the letter of that fragment. If the paragraph contains no fragment, select the letter **E**, “No fragment.”

1. ^A Eating a good meal in the morning is important. ^B Breakfast provides the energy one needs for a productive day. ^C A typical healthy breakfast may feature a variety of foods. ^D Including toast, juice, and Trix. ^E [No fragment]
2. ^A After the fall of the World Trade Center. ^B New York was not the same. ^C Where the Twin Towers had stood was a gaping void in the skyline. ^D It reflected the emptiness left in the hearts of those who witnessed the tragedy. ^E [No fragment]
3. ^A The French take great pride in their cuisine; to them, their food is certainly among the best in the world. ^B Interestingly, though, French cuisine is nothing more than modified Italian food. ^C Which was brought to France by Catherine de Medici when she was sent to marry King Henry of France. ^D Apprehensive to leave everything behind and face life in an arranged marriage, Catherine took two hundred Italian chefs to France with her as part of her entourage. ^E [No fragment]
4. ^A Jessica loves spinning vinyl. ^B She’s truly a mix master. ^C On Saturday night, she has a gig at our favorite club, and she intends to rock the house. ^D With two turntables and a microphone. ^E [No fragment]
5. ^A Whenever the weather turns chilly, Kim buys a cord of wood and a bag of marshmallows. ^B She gathers her family around the fireplace, and they drink cocoa and toast s’mores over the wood fire. ^C The smell reminds her of days spent at her grandparents’ house in North Carolina. ^D These are the times when she feels most at peace. ^E [No fragment]
6. ^A Attila the Hun and the beautiful City of Venice, Italy, have a history that is curiously intertwined; Venice, in fact, was created because of Attila. ^B While he and his army of approximately seven thousand Huns terrorized Europe. ^C People started moving into the marshes and building makeshift housing on sticks to get away or hide from them. ^D As a result, Venice was created. [No fragment]
7. ^A I like to tip waiters 20%. ^B As a rule of thumb. ^C If service is extremely poor, I may tip 15%. ^D 10% is out of the question, but to earn so little, the waiter has to be extremely rude. ^E [No fragment]
8. ^A Sarah is engaged to Woody. ^B A really nice guy. ^C He’s an optometrist and a champion backgammon player. ^D They plan to marry on New Year’s Eve. ^E [No fragment]
9. ^A The legal system in the United States is based upon British Common Law, which the United States inherited from Great Britain. ^B The law of eminent domain that dates back to 1066 when William the Conqueror crossed the English Channel and defeated King Harold in the Battle of Hastings. ^C William lacked the means to pay his men, so he gave them land; however, a contingency clause was attached to this land. ^D This clause stipulated that if William needed the land for the common good and public use, his men would have to return the land to him. This stipulation became known as the law of eminent domain. ^E [No fragment]
10. ^A I love to watch snowflakes fall. ^B Gently drifting down, falling and forming soft mounds. ^C Each snowflake has its own unique shape. ^D No two are alike. ^E [No fragment]

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Answers:

1. D

2. A

3. C

4. D

5. E

6. B

7. B

8. B

9. B

10. B