

FRAGMENT PRACTICE II

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 Some individuals are truly larger than life, and Audley Murphy, a World War II hero, was one such person. ^B During World War II, Murphy took tremendous risks to save friends and fellow soldiers. ^C Actually ran through areas where grenades exploded all around him just to drag wounded soldiers back from enemy lines. ^D Despite receiving the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Congressional Medal of Honor, and the Medal of Valor, Murphy stayed a self-effacing man. ^E [No fragment]
2. ^A Jorge wants to buy a new computer; however, he’s worried that he’ll be plagued by buyer’s remorse. ^B He’s certain that as soon as he writes the check, a newer, better computer will become available. ^C Jorge hates this feeling. ^D He knows, though, that if he doesn’t act, he’ll be without a computer forever. ^E [No fragment]
3. ^A Josh loves customizing his Honda Civic. ^B He recently bought spinning rims and a spoiler. ^C Although the modifications can be extremely costly. ^D The satisfaction he feels when other drivers gawk at his car keeps him always in search of the next customization. ^E [No fragment]
4. ^A Weddings are usually happy events during which people rejoice, celebrate, and toast the newlyweds. Getting married is easy; staying married is where the challenge lies. ^B Once reality sets in, a married couple must encounter the same mundanities of life that all other people endure. ^C Bills, housekeeping, busy work schedules, raising children, and individual personality adjustments make long-term marriage seem almost miraculous. ^D Upon analysis, becomes clear that couples who stay together and love each other for years are truly those who should be congratulated. ^E [No fragment]
5. ^A Candy is an X-Box fanatic. ^B Plays *Halo 2* from the moment she wakes until late in the evening. ^C She dreams of one day entering a video game tournament. ^D Prizes range from free games to hundreds of thousands of dollars. ^E [No fragment]
6. ^A Running all the way and never stopping. ^B Tiffany arrived at the grocery store five minutes before closing time. ^C She quickly found what she needed and wasted no time in getting to the check-out aisle. ^D Still, the clerk glared at her as if she’d committed a crime. ^E [No fragment]
7. ^A Coffee is a favorite drink for many people. ^B Some enjoy it for the rich taste and appetizing aroma. ^C Others crave the caffeine boost it provides. ^D Sitting down with friends for a cup of coffee is a time-honored social ritual. ^E [No fragment]
8. ^A Richard never thought he’d have children. ^B He always taken life as it came before he met Latisha. ^C Meeting her changed everything. ^D Now, he gives thanks every day for the Diaper Genie. ^E [No fragment]
9. ^A We all have our favorite foods, but not all of them are good for us. ^B Pizza, which is my personal favorite. ^C It is seemingly nutritious, providing protein, carbohydrates, fat, and vegetables. ^D It is high in calories, though, so it should be eaten in moderation. ^E [No fragment]
10. ^A Marissa is my family physician. ^B Who is also my lawyer. ^C Fortunately, she’s a really good doctor. ^D It would be an extreme conflict of interest if I had to have her sue herself. ^E [No fragment]

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Answers:

1. C
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3. C
4. D
5. B
6. A
7. E
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10. B