

### 34. GRAMMAR AND SENTENCES: Fragments

#### (Study 26A, Fragments)

#### Part I

Write S after each item that is one or more complete sentences.

Write F after each item that contains a fragment.

Example: Luis was offered the job. Having presented the best credentials.

F

1. When people shut down their computers. It is important for them to wait until the screen flashes "safe to turn off." 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Being coached in what is appropriate to do and say in a job interview, so as not to make a disastrous mistake. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The manuscript having been returned, Johanna sat down to revise it. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Harrison desperately wanted the part. Because he believed that this was the film that would make him a star. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The old-fashioned clock stopped ticking. Renée had forgotten to wind it. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. He admitted to being a computer nerd. As a matter of fact, he was proud of his computing skills. 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. More than 50 percent of Americans surveyed felt guilty about their child-care arrangements. 7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I read all the articles. Then I wrote the first draft of my paper. 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Many Americans prefer indirect business levies rather than direct taxation. Where do you stand on this issue? 9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Maurice kept nodding his head as the coach explained the play. Thinking all the time that it would never work. 10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Because she was interested in rocks, she majored in geology. 11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I argued with two of my classmates. First with Edward and then with Harry. 12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. There are many humorous research projects. Such as developing an artificial dog to breed fleas for allergy studies. 13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Taylor was absolutely positive he would pass. Regardless of having received failing grades on both his essay and the midterm. 14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Colleen stepped up to the free-throw line; then she made two points to win the game. 15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Professor Fustie was known for his forgetfulness. For example, leaving his grade book in the men's room. 16. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Because the army could not indefinitely maintain such a long supply line. 17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. She went to the supermarket. After she had made a list of groceries that she needed. 18. \_\_\_\_\_
19. I telephoned Dr. Gross. The man who had been our family physician for many years. 19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. We suspect Harry of the theft. Because he had access to the funds and he has been living far beyond his means. 20. \_\_\_\_\_

# 35. GRAMMAR AND SENTENCES: Comma Splices and Fused Sentences

(Study 26B, Comma Splices, and 26C, Fused Sentences)

## Part 1

Write S after any item that is a **complete sentence**.

Write Spl after any item that is a **comma splice**.

Write FS after any item that is a **fused sentence**.

**Example:** The mission was a success, everyone was pleased.

Spl \_\_\_\_\_

1. The apartment was up two rickety flights of stairs it was the best they could afford. 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The party broke up at one in the morning; Jack lingered for a few final words with Kathy. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Battered by insider-trading scandals, the stock market plunged to its yearly low. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The moon enters the earth's shadow, a lunar eclipse occurs, causing the moon to turn a deep red. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The ticket agent had sold eighty-one tickets to boarding passengers there were only eleven empty seats on the train. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Since she was in the mood for a romantic movie, she hired a babysitter and went to see *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sheer exhaustion having caught up with me, I had no trouble falling asleep. 7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The restaurant check almost made me faint, because I had left my wallet home, I couldn't pay for the meal. 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Those of us who lived in off-campus housing ignored the rule, since we were seniors, we never worried about campus regulations. 9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. It was a cloudy, sultry afternoon when we sighted our first school of whales, and the cry of "Lower the boats!" rang throughout the ship. 10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. The war was finally over; however, little could be done to ease the refugees' sense of loss. 11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The author described fifty ways to recycle fruitcakes; my favorite is to use slices of fruitcake as drink coasters. 12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The three major television networks face stiff competition for ratings, because of cable networks, viewers can decide from among four hundred programs. 13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. In the film a lawyer reopens an investigation on behalf of a woman imprisoned for murder she convincingly claims that she is innocent. 14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Though the teacher believed that it was important for her students to write every day, she did not enjoy grading so many papers. 15. \_\_\_\_\_