**Eng 9: Grammar**

**Fragments (part 2)**

Sentence fragments occur when a subordinating conjunction—like *after, although, as, as much as, because, before, how, if, in order that, inasmuch as, provided, since, than, though, that, unless, until, when, where, while*—precedes an independent clause.

*Example*

FRAGMENT: Until the players began stretching.

This sentence fragment can be remedied by either eliminating the conjunction, or by adding a clause to the fragment to form a complete thought.

COMPLETE THOUGHT: The players began stretching.

COMPLETE THOUGHT: Until the players began stretching, they had many pulled muscles.

Coordinating conjunctions—like and, but, or, nor, and for—are often a quick ﬁx for both sentence fragments and run-on sentences.

*Example*

FRAGMENT: The newspaper and a loaf of bread on your way home.

COMPLETE THOUGHT: Pick up the newspaper and a loaf of bread on your way home.

**Exercise 3**

Proofread and revise the following sentences and then add the proper punctuation. Write the revised sentences on the lines provided.

21. After we saw the movie. We went to the café and discussed it.

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22. Because the announcer spoke quickly. We didn’t understand.

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23. Our basketball team won the state title. Three years in a row.

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24. Although Oregon is a beautiful state. It tends to rain a lot.

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**Exercise 4**

Proofread and revise the following sentence fragments so that they form complete sentences. Write the revised sentences on the lines provided.

31. While the taxi driver drove faster

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32. My daughter. After she wrote a letter

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33. Before we start the show

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34. When Andrew gave his closing argument

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35. Unless you would like Olga to buy them for you

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37. Jose played soccer. Although he had never played before

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38. Since Tom has a new class

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39. The crowd cheered. When the union leader ﬁnished his speech

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40. After our lunch of tuna ﬁsh sandwiches

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