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Fragments – Exercise 5

This handout accompanies Exercise 5 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Choose the option that fixes the fragment.

1. Scooting the glass of iced tea closer to her plate. Brave Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot sauce.
 - A. Scooting the glass of iced tea closer to her **plate, brave** Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot sauce.
 - B. Scooting the glass of iced tea closer to her **plate brave** Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot sauce.
 - C. Brave Vanessa dipped the tortilla chip into Pedro's infamous hot **sauce scooting** the glass of iced tea closer to her plate.

2. As he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and bleach. Nick vowed never again to let the bathroom get so filthy.
 - A. As he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and **bleach Nick** vowed never again to let the bathroom get so filthy.
 - B. As he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and **bleach, Nick** vowed never again to let the bathroom get so filthy.
 - C. Nick vowed never again to let the bathroom get so **filthy, as** he scrubbed the tile grout with a toothbrush and bleach.

3. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close by. So that she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.
 - A. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close **by, so that** she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.
 - B. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close **by; so that** she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.
 - C. To keep her basset hound away from the pizza, Ana keeps the squirt bottle close **by so that** she can "draw" like a gunslinger if a dog tongue gets too close to the delivery box.

4. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup truck. The vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
- A. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup **truck; the** vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
 - B. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup **truck, the** vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
 - C. Even though the windows leak and the paint is peeling, Georgette loves her old pickup **truck the** vehicle that has dependably taken her everywhere since junior year of high school.
5. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his mouth. Such as fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
- A. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his **mouth such as** fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
 - B. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his **mouth: such as,** fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
 - C. Deidre has to watch her baby constantly, for Mathew likes to crawl around the floorboards and pop anything into his **mouth, such as** fuzz-covered candies, dog biscuits, and dead bugs.
6. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced tea. And hoped that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.
- A. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced **tea and hoped** that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.
 - B. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced **tea and he hoped** that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.
 - C. Baking in his hot car during rush-hour traffic, Joe slurped up the last few drops of his iced **tea, and hoped** that after this week's paycheck he could afford to make the costly repair to his broken air conditioner.

7. To stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep awake. Lawrence added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of cream.
- A. To stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep **awake, Lawrence** added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of cream.
 - B. Lawrence added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of **cream, to** stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep awake.
 - C. To stomach the cup of strong coffee that he desperately needed to keep **awake Lawrence** added seven packets of sugar and a quarter cup of cream.
8. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight backward. To keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
- A. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight **backward; to** keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
 - B. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight **backward, to** keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
 - C. Jaime grabbed the leash with both hands and threw his weight **backward to** keep Roxie, his German shepherd, from attacking Mr. Velasquez, who was walking down the sidewalk.
9. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living room. Hoping not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.
- A. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living **room hoping** not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.
 - B. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living **room, hoping** not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.
 - C. O'Neil quietly closed the front door and tiptoed through the living **room; hoping** not to wake his sleeping mother, who would begin a loud and long lecture on missing curfew.

10. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive clothing. Because, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
- A. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive **clothing because**, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
 - B. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive **clothing, because**, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
 - C. Erin cannot tolerate tight and restrictive **clothing; because**, she claims, she had been wrapped too tightly as a mummy in her previous Egyptian life.
11. Whenever Delores makes her infamous rubbery meatballs. David sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
- A. Whenever Delores makes her infamous rubbery **meatballs David** sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
 - B. Delores makes her infamous rubbery **meatballs whenever David** sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
 - C. Whenever Delores makes her infamous rubbery **meatballs, David** sneaks them off his plate and into the willing mouth of Jellybean, the family's terrier.
12. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi novel. And ate an entire bag of potato chips.
- A. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi **novel and ate** an entire bag of potato chips.
 - B. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi **novel, and ate** an entire bag of potato chips.
 - C. While Kristy labored through another evening of incomprehensible accounting homework, her roommate Bob read a sci-fi **novel and he ate** an entire bag of potato chips.
13. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her money. To buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.
- A. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her **money, to** buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.
 - B. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her **money to** buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.
 - C. To make her ex-boyfriend Brad jealous, Georgia saved her **money; to** buy a head-turning black dress that would attract a flock of men at the dance.

14. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a dog. For example, puncture marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
- A. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a **dog; for example, puncture** marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
 - B. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a **dog; for example: puncture** marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
 - C. Anyone who enters Cedric's apartment can tell that this young man has a **dog. For example, there are puncture** marks in the mini blinds, dog snot clouding the windows, and paw prints on the beige upholstery.
15. Bored with the revision of his research essay. Patrick poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
- A. Bored with the revision of his research **essay, Patrick** poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
 - B. Bored with the revision of his research **essay Patrick** poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
 - C. **Because he was bored with the revision of his research essay Patrick** poked the soft front of his flat-screen monitor, fascinated by its squishy surface.
16. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with Helen. The most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
- A. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with **Helen; the** most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
 - B. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with **Helen the** most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
 - C. Despite Cassandra's stern warning, Alex walked over to flirt with **Helen, the** most beautiful—and dangerous—woman at the party.
17. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the beach. Except Michael, the worrier, who was concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.
- A. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the **beach: except Michael, the worrier, who was** concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.
 - B. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the **beach. Michael, however, was** concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.
 - C. All of my friends wanted to spend Friday afternoon at the **beach. Excluding Michael, the worrier, who was** concerned about shark bites, jellyfish stings, and skin cancer.

18. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their seats. To avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
- A. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their **seats to** avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
 - B. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their **seats, to** avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
 - C. Since the roof of Orlando Hall leaks, students know to check their **seats; to** avoid soaking their pants in a puddle of water and then sitting in damp underwear for an entire class.
19. As waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's mouth. Kris grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
- A. As waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's **mouth Kris** grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
 - B. Waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's **mouth, while Kris** grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
 - C. As waves of boring information rolled from Professor Clark's **mouth, Kris** grabbed his mental surfboard and spent the rest of the hour riding fantasy waves.
20. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, happy. Kelvin steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.
- A. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, **happy; Kelvin** steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.
 - B. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, **happy Kelvin** steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.
 - C. To make Sylvia, the party's hostess, **happy, Kelvin** steeled himself, dipped his spoon into the squid eyeball stew, and began to drain the bowl.



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