Fragments Worksheet II: Revising Fragments
Answer Key

The following sentences have been rewritten to eliminate fragments. Other methods of combining may also be used. The fragments are in bold letters.

1. The contrast between the two cats is great. **One of them being quiet and the other highly sociable.**

The contrast between the two cats is great. One of them is quiet, and the other is highly sociable.

2. They moved into a condominium in a quiet neighborhood. **Quiet being all they wanted.**

They moved into a condominium in a quiet neighborhood, quiet being all they wanted.

3. The millennium specials have been very popular. **Sponsored in part by an oil company.** ABC has shown several.

Sponsored in part by an oil company, the millennium specials have been very popular; ABC has shown several.

4. The river was polluted with insecticides. Funds for cleaning it up were not available. The chemical company had gone bankrupt.

There are no fragments.

5. Mike seems to be a good father. **Taking his children to ball games or on trips or just staying around the house teaching them new games.**

Mike seems to be a good father; he enjoys taking his children to ball games or on trips or just staying around the house teaching them new games.

6. **When riding the subway.** I always read the advertisements above the windows.

When riding the subway, I always read the advertisements above the windows.

7. I tried to be gentle with the old man. **Who had insulted me the day before but now wanted my assistance.**

I tried to be gentle with the old man who had insulted me the day before but now wanted my assistance.

8. Tommy can be insulting and overbearing. For example, he said he should be in a dorm with "better-quality people."

There are no fragments.

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