SENTENCE FRAGMENTS

Learning Outcome: Upon successful completion of this worksheet, students will be able to identify sentence fragments and correct them,

Before you begin: If you need to refresh your memory about sentence fragments and the ways to correct them, please consult a handbook like Diana Hacker’s *A Writer’s Reference* here in the WRC or visit The Guide to Grammar at [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm).

When you are done: Worksheets are designed to be a self-teaching opportunity. Therefore, we provide the answer keys so that, when you are done, you can check your answers. Should you want to consult with a professor on duty about your answers, please be sure to check your answers first.

Directions: In the blank to the left of each number, indicate whether the group of words is a complete sentence (C) or a fragment (F). If the sentence is a fragment, correct it.

Example:  

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Wringing her hands and running around the house, looking into cupboards and closets, muttering all the time.  
Correction:  
Wringing her hands and running around the house, looking into cupboards and closets, muttering all the time, Judith was worried she would not find her lost cat.

1. Being the kindhearted and generous person that he is.

2. When all of a sudden she discovered a superb necklace of diamonds in a black satin box, her heart began to beat with an immoderate desire.

3. Only during a total eclipse can stars in near conjunction with the sun be seen at all.

4. In the waiting room a husband and father, desperate because his home was about to be sold for taxes.

5. When a newly ordained clergyman is suddenly thrown in with a convict bent on murder and has only a few precious moments in which to change the convict's heart.

6. Kim, the only one in our group who knew how to change an automobile tire.

7. Voltaire was not a democrat; he said that he would rather be ruled by one line than by a hundred rats.
8. In the blue of the evening, when the shadows fade and a misty light deceives the eye.

9. As I grew older, my great desire was to become a mechanical engineer, but my father opposed this desire.

10. I do not by this declaration condemn those who believe otherwise, for they have the same right to their belief as I have to mine.

11. Mr. Jones, whose efforts to be honest, I think, are heroic.

12. A good scout, we have heard, can navigate using the signs of nature and can handle any unforeseen situations while hiking or camping.

13. Certain sections of the country are in dire need of doctors; in some areas there is only one doctor for every 1,500 people.

14. Although he had been unable to vote because he was in Europe at the time of the election.

15. Ms. Silva, who does not drink because drinking interferes with a profession which requires coolness and presence of mind.