



## Sentences and Sentence Fragments B

**10a.** A **sentence** is a word group that contains a subject and a verb and that expresses a complete thought.

A **sentence fragment** is a word group that looks like a sentence but does not contain both a subject and a verb or does not express a complete thought.

**SENTENCE FRAGMENT** Shirley Chisholm, the first African American congresswoman.

**SENTENCE** Shirley Chisholm, the first African American congresswoman, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1968.

**EXERCISE** Identify each of the following word groups as a sentence or a sentence fragment. On the line provided, write *S* for sentence or *F* for sentence fragment.

**Example**   *F*   1. One clear night in the middle of summer.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Several teenagers went camping one clear night in the middle of summer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The campers sat around a campfire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which kept them warm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Someone suggested that they tell stories.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Camila told an interesting story.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. About a man who lived on a houseboat near a village.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Never spoke to the villagers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. People thought he was a thief.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. And blamed him when things were lost.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. One day the man left the boat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. And walked far away.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. A curious villager entered the boat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. To see what was inside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Very surprised by what he found inside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. There were all kinds of wooden toys.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. That the mysterious man had built.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Each toy was carefully painted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The toys were gifts for the village children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. The villagers had misjudged the man.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Realized that the man was very kind and felt sorry.