Practicing Sentence Variety

**Directions:** *rewrite the following paragraph to achieve more sentence variety.*

Alfred Hitchcock made many classic American movies. Most of his films were in the genre of horror. However, many would say they should be considered psychological thrillers. One of the most famous films of his career was *Psycho*. However, some would argue that either *Vertigo* or *Rear Window* hold their own against *Psycho* in terms of being his best film. Two more films by Hitchcock that stand out are *North by Northwest* and *The Birds*. Two lesserknown films include *Strangers on a Train* and *Shadow of a Doubt*. These two lesser-known films are actually two of his best. Almost all of his films feature an everyday person who has to overcome unusual, often deadly circumstances. Sometimes Hitchcock even has us rooting for the bad guys. Without a doubt, the most noteworthy aspect of Hitchcock s films is the tension he creates and the eerie atmosphere he creates on film.

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Identifying and Correcting Fragments I

**Directions:** *Using the three-step test for fragments, list which type or types of error created each fragment below. Some items may have more than one error.*

***1.*** *Missing a subject.*

***2.*** *A missing, incomplete, or incorrect form of verb.*

***3.*** *Subordinate word or phrase before the subject and verb.*

*Then, add or delete words to fix the fragment and rewrite it as a complete sentence. You may need to add more information for the sentence to make sense.*

**Example:** Ate the salad. Error Type(s) **1**

Corrected: **Cameron ate the salad.**

**1.** Knowing that homemade spaghetti Error Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sauce is the best.

Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** My mom always making her sauce Error Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from scratch.

Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** Garden tomatoes being the essential Error Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ingredient.

Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** Since the sauce is made mostly Error Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from tomatoes.

Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5.** Fresh herbs essential to the overall Error Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ taste.

Corrected: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Identifying and Correcting Fragments II

**Directions:** *Review the following word groups. If a word group is a complete sentence, write S on the line provided. If it is a fragment, write F, and then revise it to make it into a complete sentence. You may add or delete words to fix the fragments.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **1.** The Statue of Liberty, a miraculous engineering achievement.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **2.** The statue, completed in 1886, covered with a thin copper skin, located in New York Harbor.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **3.** The copper skin is less than the thickness of two pennies.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **4.** Spectacular views available from the observation deck.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **5.** Designed by the French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi.

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