

Sentence fragments

Exercise 24-a Sentence fragments

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Each of the following word groups includes a subordinating word. One word group in each pair contains a fragment. Write "OK" after each item that does not contain a fragment and write "frag" after each item that contains a fragment. Example:

- a. John Lennon lived with his Aunt Mimi until he was grown. Because his parents had separated and his mother had given John to Mimi. *frag*
 - b. His father took him from Mimi when John was about five. Because his mother returned him to Mimi, he grew up as Mimi's child. *OK*
1. a. When John Lennon was a teenager, his mother, Julia, began to pay more attention to his interests. _____
 - b. When Julia, John Lennon's mother, bought him a guitar and let him stay with her instead of his Aunt Mimi. _____
2. a. Although he studied art in college, he soon became more interested in music. _____
 - b. Although Julia encouraged his music and put up with the boyish pranks that annoyed Aunt Mimi. _____
3. a. His mother died before he was an adult. While John was still in college, in fact. _____
 - b. Mimi's husband, his uncle, had died while John still lived with them. _____
4. a. John asked Paul McCartney to join his group, and later Paul brought in George Harrison, and all three asked Ringo Starr to join them. Before they cut their first record. _____

- b. In their early days, the Beatles copied people like Elvis Presley and Little Richard. Before these English boys even visited America, they sang with American accents. _____
- 5. a. The Beatles gave one reason for quitting their tours in 1966. That the tours were wrecking their playing. _____
- b. Stopping the tours gave the Beatles an opportunity to expand their talents. That they learned to read musical notes and write their own music was key to their improvement as musicians. _____