

for CHAPTER 10: THE SENTENCE

Sentences and Sentence Fragments C

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 As we carved the ice sculpture.

SENTENCE My cousin and I carved an ice sculpture of a unicorn.

EXERCISE Each of the following groups of words is a sentence fragment because it is missing either a subject or a verb. On the line provided, write *S* if the incomplete sentence is missing a subject or *V* if it is missing a verb. Then, rewrite the word group to make it a complete sentence.

Example _____ 1. Played for hours in the park.

_____ *S* The boy played for hours in the park.

_____ 1. The two energetic boys and their little sister. _____

_____ 2. The man with the small dog on a leash. _____

_____ 3. Ran through the trails. _____

_____ 4. Played until it was too dark to see. _____

_____ 5. The people near the large oak trees. _____

_____ 6. A small group of sparrows or wrens. _____

_____ 7. Flew rapidly from tree to tree. _____

_____ 8. Perched on a high branch of a hackberry tree. _____

_____ 9. The smallest squirrel in the group. _____

_____ 10. Hid in the hollow of an old log. _____