EXERCISE 17-1
Sentence Fragments: Revising I

Most of the following passages contain sentence fragments. Underline each fragment and then rewrite the passage. Add the fragment to a complete sentence or change the fragment to make it a complete sentence. If there is no fragment in the passage, write C, for correct, in the left margin.

Example: After studying French for three years, I tried to translate a poem. Without much success.

I didn’t have much success.

1. The contrast between the two cats is great. One of them being arrogant and the other highly sociable.

2. They moved into a condominium in a quiet neighborhood. Quiet was all they wanted.

3. Internet addiction has become a serious matter. One that can interfere with work, school, and relationships.

4. The river was polluted with insecticides. Funds for cleaning it up were not available. The chemical company had gone bankrupt.

5. Chris has one quality that her roommate doesn’t have. Patience. Chris is so patient that others take advantage of her.
6. Riding the subway, I always read the advertisements above the windows. Trying to figure out what gimmicks the advertisers use.

7. I tried to be gentle with the old woman. Who had insulted me the day before but now needed my help.

8. Perry can be loudmouthed and overbearing. For example, his saying he should be in a dorm with “better-quality people.”

9. A starting salary of $20,000 a year. The job failed to attract qualified applicants. The advertisement ran for three weeks.

10. Mike seems to be a good father. For example, taking his children to ball games or on trips, or just staying around the house teaching his children new games.