

Fragments Quiz

Quiz A

Place sentence fragments in parentheses.

A million cars were stolen in the United States last year. Millions more vandalized and stripped. You should learn how to fight back. Before you become part of the statistics. Doors should always be locked. According to statistics, 80 percent of the cars stolen last year were unlocked at the time. Forty percent had the keys in the car. Sitting right there in the ignition. You should roll your windows up tightly. You should store spare keys in your wallet, not in the car. Since a professional thief knows all the hiding places. Standard door-lock buttons should be replaced with the slim, tapered kind. Because they are almost impossible to pull up with a coat hanger. Park your car in the driveway with the nose toward the street. So anyone tampering with the engine can be seen more easily. In summary, if you make it time-consuming to steal your car. The thief will probably try his luck on someone else's.

Quiz B

In the space provided, write C if a word group is a complete sentence; write F if it is a fragment.

- 1. I was seventeen on the night I died.
- 2. In the spring of 1977.
- 3. I had a severe case of the flu.
- 4. And had spent the first three days of my illness in bed.
- 5. Running a temperature between 102 and 107.
- 6. Only getting up to take care of the necessities of life.
- 7. On Friday, the sixth day of my illness, rain from early morning on.

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- 8. The wind howled outside, the house was damp and chilly, and my fever soared.
- 9. In late afternoon, I took my pillow and blanket into the living room.
- 10. Because I was sick of bed and decided I'd lie on the sofa and watch television.
- 11. I watched the news and read a magazine for a while.
- 12. Then I must have fallen asleep.
- 13. When I was suddenly conscious again.
- 14. I was in the middle of total darkness.
- 15. And total silence.
- 16. I was absolutely terrified.
- 17. Because I was sure that I had died.
- 18. Then somewhere in the blackness ahead of me, I saw and recognized a small, dissolving spot of light.
- 19. I slowly realized it was coming from the television set.
- 20. And that there had been a power failure.