Sentence Fragments

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*is coming over after school*

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Part 2

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11. fragment Wore her favorite shirt.

12. sentence Our mail arrived early on Tuesday.

13. fragment Renee, who is my cousin.

14. fragment Favorite time of day.

15. fragment Delayed due to weather conditions.

16. sentence Sidney climbed to the top of the mountain.

17. sentence They won the game.

18. fragment While cooking dinner.

19. fragment Available from 5PM to 9PM.

20. sentence She went for a job interview.
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