Sentence Fragments

Read the following groups of words aloud to see if they sound somehow incomplete. Rewrite

these groups of words trying to keep a similar meaning but having complete sentences.

With some of the fragments, you will have to add some information so that you will have a finite

verb. With others of these examples, you will want to make the fragments parts of the sentences

that already have a finite verb.

1. The log holding back the shallow pond.

2. Barely five inches long, with nothing but a handle, a trigger, and a barrel.

3. Rachel stayed home for three months after Jared was born. To recuperate and to take care of

him.

4. The large dog with sharp teeth. He was mean.

5. Getting a new car. Would be a nice graduation present.

6. They sold their house. And moved to a new one.

7. Zack looked close to crying. Standing with his head bowed.

8. Controlling my temper. That has been one of my goals this year.

Suggested rewrites: 1. I saw the log holding back the shallow pond. 2. He was holding a gun barely five inches

long, with nothing but a handle, a trigger, and a barrel. 3. Rachel stayed home for three months after Jared was born

to recuperate and take care of him. 4. The large dog with the sharp teeth was mean. 5. Getting a new car would be a

nice graduation present. 6. They sold their house and moved to a new one. 7. Standing with his head bowed, Zack

looked close to crying. 8. Controlling my temper has been one of my goals this year.