

Run-on Sentences - Exercises

Look at the following sentences and correct them. In most cases there may be more than one correct answer.

1. The girls played basketball the boys played tennis.
2. Einstein is famous for $E=mc^2$ Edison is famous for the invention of the light bulb.
3. Titanic is my favourite movie I love eating popcorn.
4. Americans shake hands when they meet the Japanese bow.
5. Mother's Day is always on a Sunday Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday.
6. William loved visiting Montreal Sally preferred just to stay in Quebec.
7. My car broke down I need to buy a new one.
8. At one time few people had enough money to buy books few people could read books.
9. I want to learn Korean Trudy wants to learn Turkish.
10. People love peace they hate war.

Answers:

1. The girls played basketball the boys played tennis.

- The girls played basketball. The boys played tennis.
- The girls played basketball; the boys played tennis.
- The girls played basketball, but the boys played tennis.
- The girls played basketball; however, the boys played tennis.

2. Einstein is famous for $E=mc^2$ Edison is famous for the invention of the light bulb.

- Einstein is famous for $E=mc^2$. Edison is famous for the invention of the light bulb.
- Einstein is famous for $E=mc^2$; Edison is famous for the invention of the light bulb.
- Einstein is famous for $E=mc^2$, but Edison is famous for the invention of the light bulb.
- Einstein is famous for $E=mc^2$; however, Edison is famous for the invention of the light bulb.

3. Titanic is my favourite movie I love eating popcorn.

Titanic is my favourite movie. I love eating popcorn.

This sentence cannot be fixed with the other methods because the two independent clauses do not share similar or related ideas.

4. Americans shake hands when they meet the Japanese bow.

- Americans shake hands when they meet. The Japanese bow.
- Americans shake hands when they meet; the Japanese bow.
- Americans shake hands when they meet, but the Japanese bow.
- Americans shake hands when they meet; however, the Japanese bow.

5. Mother's Day is always on a Sunday Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday.

- Mother's Day is always on a Sunday. Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday.
- Mother's Day is always on a Sunday; Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday.
- Mother's Day is always on a Sunday, and Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday.
- Mother's Day is always on a Sunday; however, Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday.

6. William loved visiting Montreal Sally preferred just to stay in Quebec.

- William loved visiting Montreal. Sally preferred just to stay in Quebec.
- William loved visiting Montreal; Sally preferred just to stay in Quebec.
- William loved visiting Montreal, but Sally preferred just to stay in Quebec.
- William loved visiting Montreal; nevertheless, Sally preferred just to stay in Quebec.

7. My car broke down I need to buy a new one.

- My car broke down. I need to buy a new one.
- My car broke down; I need to buy a new one.
- My car broke down, so I need to buy a new one.
- My car broke down; therefore I need to buy a new one.

8. At one time few people had enough money to buy books few people could read books.

- At one time few people had enough money to buy books. Few people could read books.
- At one time few people had enough money to buy books; few people could read books.
- At one time few people had enough money to buy books, and few people could read books.
- At one time few people had enough money to buy books; also, few people could read books.

9. I want to learn Korean Trudy wants to learn Turkish.

- I want to learn Korean. Trudy wants to learn Turkish.
- I want to learn Korean; Trudy wants to learn Turkish.
- I want to learn Korean, and Trudy wants to learn Turkish.
- I want to learn Korean; however, Trudy wants to learn Turkish.

10. People love peace they hate war.

- People love peace. They hate war.
- People love peace; they hate war.
- People love peace, but they hate war.
- People love peace; however, they hate war.