

FIX RUN ON SENTENCES - WORKSHEET 1

Below are examples of fused sentences and comma splices.

Part A

Fix each sentence two times: 1) once with a period and capital letter; and 2) once with a comma and a coordinating conjunction. Use these words: and, but, so.

1. The angry boyfriend sent his girlfriend an email, he regretted sending it minutes later.
2. The subway was late, we missed the first ten minutes of the movie.
3. We got fast, friendly service from the waitress today we gave her a 20% tip.
4. There is a lot of mail in my neighbor's mailbox they must be away on a trip.
5. Marie Curie was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes, she is one of only two people to receive a prize in two fields.
6. Big Bang theory explains how the universe started, it says everything began with an explosion 15 billion years ago.

Part B

Fix each sentence twice: 1) insert a subordinate conjunction (plus comma) at the beginning of the sentence; and 2) insert the same subordinate conjunction (with no comma) in the middle of the sentence. Use these words: because, although, while, since, after.

1. I am unable to meet you in Hong Kong, I have no money.
2. Many people around the world like Korean food, it tastes spicy.
3. Jennifer walks in the park she thinks about her plans for the week.
4. Nikola Tesla is considered an important inventor in the field of electricity he invented alternating current.
5. The fastest animal in the world is not the cheetah it can run up to 98 kilometres per hour.
6. My grandmother puts fresh strawberries in our dish she washes them two times in water.

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

Part A

Fix each sentence two times: 1) once with a period and capital letter; and 2) once with a comma and the coordinating conjunctions. Use these words: and, but, so.

1. The angry boyfriend sent his girlfriend an email, he regretted sending it minutes later.
 - The angry boyfriend sent his girlfriend an email. He regretted sending it minutes later.
 - The angry boyfriend sent his girlfriend an email, **but** he regretted sending it minutes later.

2. The subway was late, we missed the first ten minutes of the movie.
 - The subway was late. **We** missed the first ten minutes of the movie.
 - The subway was late, **so** we missed the first ten minutes of the movie.

3. We got fast, friendly service from the waitress today we gave her a 20% tip.
 - We got fast, friendly service from the waitress today. **We** gave her a 20% tip.
 - We got fast, friendly service from the waitress today, **so** we gave her a 20% tip.

4. There is a lot of mail in my neighbor's mailbox they must be away on a trip.
 - There is a lot of mail in my neighbor's mailbox. **They** must be away on a trip.
 - There is a lot of mail in my neighbor's mailbox, **so** they must be away on a trip.

5. Marie Curie was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes, she is one of only two people to receive a prize in two fields.
 - Marie Curie was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes. **She** is one of only two people to receive a prize in two fields.
 - Marie Curie was the first person to win two Nobel Prizes, **and** is one of only two people to receive a prize in two fields.

6. Big Bang theory explains how the universe started, it says everything began with an explosion 15 billion years ago.
 - Big Bang theory explains how the universe started. It says everything began with an explosion 15 billion years ago.
 - Big Bang theory explains how the universe started, **and** says everything began with an explosion 15 billion years ago.

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

Part B

Fix each sentence twice: 1) insert a subordinate conjunction (plus comma) at the beginning of the sentence; and 2) insert the same subordinate conjunction (with no comma) in the middle of the sentence. Use these words: because, although, while, since, after.

1. I am unable to meet you in Hong Kong, I have no money.
 - **Since** I have no money, I am unable to meet you in Hong Kong.
 - I am unable to meet you in Hong Kong **since** I have no money.

2. Many people around the world like Korean food, it tastes spicy.
 - **Because** it tastes spicy, many people around the world like Korean food.
 - Many people around the world like Korean food **because** it tastes spicy.

3. Jennifer walks in the park she thinks about her plans for the week.
 - **While** walking in the park, Jennifer thinks about her plans for the week.
 - Jennifer walks in the park **while** she thinks about her plans for the week.

4. Nikola Tesla is considered an important inventor in the field of electricity he invented alternating current.
 - **Because** he invented alternating current, Nikola Tesla is considered an important inventor in the field of electricity.
 - Nikola Tesla is considered an important inventor in the field of electricity **because** he invented alternating current.

5. The fastest animal in the world is not the cheetah it can run up to 98 kilometres per hour.
 - **Although** it can run up to 98 kilometres per hour, the fastest animal in the world is not the cheetah.
 - The fastest animal in the world is not the cheetah **although** it can run up to 98 kilometres per hour.

6. My grandmother puts fresh strawberries in our dish she washes them two times in water.
 - **After** washing fresh strawberries two times in water, my grandmother puts them in our dish.
 - My grandmother puts fresh strawberries in our dish **after** she washes them two times in water.