

RUN-ONS EXERCISE

For each of the sentences in the exercise, do the following:

1. Classify the word group according to this code:

C--Correct

CS--Comma Splice

FS--Fused Statement

2. If the word group is a run-on (comma splice or fused statement), draw a slash where the first independent clause ends and the second one begins. Then, on the blank provided, make the corrections needed for proper joining of compound sentences. Or, if the word group needs to be written as two separate sentences, make the needed corrections.

Examples:

- A. Some of the police were in uniform others in the group were in plain clothes.

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- B. My uncle recently purchased a new car, he has purchased six cars over the last three years.

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1. Amish men shave until they marry after marriage they grow beards.

2. A person would have to walk about five miles to work off the calories of a chocolate sundae obviously diet control takes less effort than does exercise.

3. The best selling novel ever written in this country was Gone With the Wind it was the author's only successful work.

4. A rattlesnake always sounds its rattles as a warning before it strikes isn't that considerate?

5. President William Howard Taft was so tone deaf that he could not recognize the national anthem when it was played, and his secretary had to alert him so that he would know when to rise when it was played in public.

6. Cleopatra was an Egyptian only because she was born in Egypt, actually she was of Greek ancestry and had no Egyptian blood in her veins.

7. The Concorde is a supersonic plane it can fly faster than sound.

8. Do you know what is the heaviest organ in the human body, it's the liver.

9. Honey does not spoil, samples taken from ancient Egyptian tombs were found to be edible.

10. Although the cost is high, dogs can be insured against accidents, sicknesses, and diseases.
