

FRAGMENTS: EXERCISE 1

Directions: Underline any group of words that is a fragment and re-write it in the space provided to make it a complete sentence. Then, label the subject and verb in your corrected sentence. There may be more than one correct way to fix a fragment.

1. Often barking all night. The neighbor's dog has become a serious nuisance.
2. After last week's heat and humidity. Today's cold and rainy weather is actually a relief.
3. The restaurant specializes in Mexican food. Including burritos, tacos, and refried beans.
4. The full, silver moon rose in the sky. And cast its magical light over the countryside.
5. Hundreds of people called the radio station. Hoping to win the concert tickets.
6. Although Seattle is a beautiful city. It has many gray, rainy days.
7. No one could believe the honor student had committed the crime. Especially his family.
8. The delicious-looking cake was covered with a cherry icing. And decorated with sugar swans.
9. Sea gulls drink both fresh water and sea water. (trick question!)
10. Even though her son attends the Naval Academy.

RUN-ONS: EXERCISE 1

Directions: Label the subject and the verb in each of the two complete sentences and put a slash (/) between the two complete sentences. Then, fix the run-on sentence in the space provided by using one of the four acceptable ways to separate two complete sentences. Try to vary the method you use to separate the complete sentences throughout the exercise.

- My alarm clock rang like a fire bell, / I slowly rolled out of bed.
S V S V
- Rosa got a parking ticket / she decided to go to traffic court.
S V S V
- One student made a lasting impression at his interview / he arrived an hour late.
S V S V
- Tyrone got lost driving to the wedding / for he refused to stop to ask for directions.
S V S V
- The cabbage salad included shredded carrots/chopped peanuts were sprinkled on top.
S V S V V
- Prices were high at the concession stand, / the lines were long as well.
S V S V
- Sharon drove halfway home, / then she noticed her purse was missing.
S V S V
- Bicycles may be the world's best method of transportation, / they require very little maintenance and do not pollute.
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