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Comma Splices and Fused Sentences – Exercise 5

This handout accompanies Exercise 5 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Choose the correct way to fix the underlined problem in each sentence.

1. Gustavo can tolerate any lecture, no matter how boring the instructor is, in his mind, Gustavo imagines that he is on board the starship *Enterprise*, blasting Romulans from his post on the bridge.
A. is in
B. is; In
C. is; in
2. Sylvia shivered in her silk shirt, the difference in temperature between the hot road and the cold library was extreme.
A. shirt the
B. shirt, for the
C. shirt, because the
3. Many road signs warned Tommy of the construction work ahead, he didn't realize that his lane was closed, though, until he mowed down a traffic barricade with the front of his car.
A. ahead he
B. ahead but he
C. ahead. He
4. The grip of the pantyhose, the stranglehold of the scarf, and the bite of the tight shoes made Rachel want the interview to end, she longed for a cotton T-shirt and jeans.
A. end she
B. end; however, she
C. end. She
5. Ryan is highly allergic to cats, he requires at least twenty god-bless-yous every time he visits Mariko and her seven Siamese.
A. cats he
B. cats, so he
C. cats, as a result, he

6. Mrs. Britton was grading papers at her **desk, her** students were slaving over their in-class compositions, sighing heavily and flipping through their dictionaries for the correct spellings of words.
- A. desk her
 - B. desk while her
 - C. desk, moreover, her
7. Ingie looked at his wife's collection of cookbooks and **sighed, although** there were thousands of recipes for delicious meals, he knew Valerie would want to order another pepperoni and mushroom pizza for dinner.
- A. sighed although
 - B. sighed. Although
 - C. sighed; Although
8. Mike has terrible eating **habits when** he opened his lunch bag, we saw a bag of potato chips, two candy bars, cellophane-wrapped cupcakes, and a carton of chocolate milk.
- A. habits, when
 - B. habits, but when
 - C. habits; when
9. While flirting on the phone with the satellite dish salesman, Rose forgot about the omelet cooking in the **kitchen, she** did not expect the stovetop fire that filled the house with smoke.
- A. kitchen she
 - B. kitchen, so she
 - C. kitchen, consequently; she
10. Several students sat sneezing and sniffing in their **seats, Jason** always wore too much cologne, and allergic reactions kicked into high gear as the odor wafted through the classroom.
- A. seats Jason
 - B. seats, and Jason
 - C. seats. Jason
11. Sandra spent every dime on her vacation to Cancun, Mexico, where she went shopping, dancing, swimming, and **sightseeing, she** doesn't care that her rent will be late and that she will have to eat macaroni and cheese for a week.
- A. sightseeing she
 - B. sightseeing, nevertheless, she
 - C. sightseeing; she

12. The terrified passengers aboard the 747 gripped their armrests as the jet bucked in a bad stretch of **turbulence after** a ride like this one, everyone knew that five minutes on Disney's Space Mountain would feel like relaxing in a rocking chair.
- A. turbulence, after
 - B. turbulence; After
 - C. turbulence. After
13. Richard squeezed, thumped, and shook the empty shampoo bottle, hoping for a few drops to wash his dirty **hair, since** the bottle was completely empty, Richard worked up a lather with a few sprinkles of bathroom cleanser instead.
- A. hair since
 - B. hair; since
 - C. hair, consequently, since
14. After the thunderstorm, Teresa splashed through the puddles left on the **street, she** enjoyed feeling the cool rainwater on her hot feet.
- A. street she
 - B. street, because she
 - C. street, for she
15. Fred blew and blew on the globs of liquid white-out, but they refused to **dry when** the professor called time, Fred closed the cover of his exam book and hoped the pages wouldn't cement together.
- A. dry, when
 - B. dry; when
 - C. dry, as a result, when
16. As Irene scooped stuffing out of the Thanksgiving turkey, she saw gold glinting from the **breadcrumbs, finally**, she had found her earring, which she had lost early that morning.
- A. breadcrumbs finally
 - B. breadcrumbs, finally at last
 - C. breadcrumbs; finally
17. No foot powder, no shoe insert, no expensive soap can kill the odor of Bartholomew's **feet, when** he takes off his shoes, even the goldfish gag.
- A. feet when
 - B. feet. When
 - C. feet, thus when

18. Ursula clutched her head, trying to remember the correct formula to solve the statistics **problem, the** only thing she could focus on, however, was the stupid fight she had in the car with her boyfriend, Mac.
- A. problem the
 - B. problem, consequently, the
 - C. problem; the
19. Quang wants a degree in business **administration, he** fantasizes about yelling at future employees who are too afraid of losing their jobs to talk back.
- A. administration he
 - B. administration, because he
 - C. administration since he
20. In Dr. Ribley's calculus class, Yi-Ping tapes every lecture and carefully rewrites her **notes, she** is planning to sell these guides to desperate freshmen next semester.
- A. notes she
 - B. notes, because she
 - C. notes, for she



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