

## Fragments, Comma Splices, and Fused Sentences

**Directions:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

1. The dogs drooled while we ate slices of hot pizza but the cat feigned nonchalance even though we knew that she wanted a pepperoni.  
A B C  
A. drooled. While  
B. pizza, but  
C. nonchalance. Even  
D. No change is necessary.
2. Mary Ellen screamed, her roommate’s pet tarantula crawled out of the bag of popcorn.  
A. screamed her  
B. screamed; because, her  
C. screamed as her  
D. No change is necessary.
3. Running late with dinner, Elizabeth fussed with seasonings and wiped spots off the glasses. While the family stared at their empty plates.  
A B C  
A. dinner; Elizabeth  
B. seasonings, and  
C. glasses while  
D. No change is necessary.
4. Everyone scrambled off the lakeside patio. When the 10-foot alligator lumbered onto shore.  
A. patio when  
B. patio; when  
C. patio, when  
D. No change is necessary.
5. The glass of iced tea promised thirst-quenching refreshment Roseanne, however, had to beat Maria to the refrigerator as they raced through the front door.  
A B C  
A. refreshment. Roseanne  
B. however; had  
C. refrigerator; as  
D. No change is necessary.

6. Warren wanted to make a good impression on Melody but the soda explosion that soaked his shirt ruined their first meeting.
- A. Melody; but, the  
 B. Melody; however, the  
 C. Melody, however, the  
 D. No change is necessary.
7. Because of the hot sun, ice cream ran down the cone and coated Randall's fingers, his tongue couldn't keep up.
- A B C
- A. sun; ice cream  
 B. cone, and  
 C. fingers, for his  
 D. No change is necessary.
8. Wanda took a deep breath and got ready to yell. Because Paul was about to explain why his half of the rent would be late again.
- A. yell, because  
 B. yell because  
 C. yell for  
 D. No change is necessary.
9. After Simon bought roses for Emily, he spotted Derek's car in her driveway and realized that this gesture would not repair the relationship or win back her love.
- A B C
- A. Emily. He  
 B. driveway. And  
 C. relationship; or  
 D. No change is necessary.
10. Since Larry had studied for hours; he was relieved to find a big red A at the top of his grammar quiz.
- A. hours he  
 B. hours. He  
 C. hours, he  
 D. No change is necessary.



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