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Grammar: Sentence Errors: Comma Splices, Fragments, Run-Ons #2

I. Sentence Errors: COMMA SPLICES, RUN-ONS, and FRAGMENTS

Directions: USE PENCIL. Correct each of the following sentence errors using the best possible revision.

1. **Comma Splice:** A comma splice occurs when two or more sentences (complete thoughts) are joined together, or “spliced,” with a comma but without a joining word.

Comma Splice Pattern: (Sentence), (sentence).

Ex: Tommy went to the store, he bought noodles, tofu, and wok oil for his stir-fry.

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2. **Run-On:** A run-on sentence is **NOT** a sentence that is too long. A run-on sentence occurs when two or more sentences (complete thoughts) are joined together *without* the proper punctuation or a joining word (and, but, or, while, when, because, etc.). Basically, one sentence “runs on” into the next.

Run-On Pattern: (Sentence) (sentence).

Ex: The article was about Helen, a farmer, who grows vegetables her food is delicious, nutritious, and affordable.

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3. **Fragment:** A fragment is an incomplete sentence; it’s basically a group of words that is meant to be a correct sentence but is *not*; usually, a fragment lacks a *complete subject* or a *complete verb*; sometimes a fragment is missing some other necessary part of a complete thought.

Fragment Pattern: (Incomplete sentence).

Ex: Because Mark, a skilled mechanic, patched the tires, greased the chain, and tightened the pedals, which were loose.

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II. Identifying and Revising Sentence Errors:

Directions: USE PENCIL. Identify each of the following examples as a **COMMA SPLICE (sentence, sentence)**, **RUN-ON (sentence sentence)**, or **FRAGMENT (incomplete sentence)**. You may abbreviate answers: **CS**; **RO**; or **F**. Then revise (rewrite) the examples on the space provided.

- Stick to the original meaning as much as possible.
- If the original example is correct, simply write *correct*.

1. After the fashion designer handled the fabric, studied the runway, and talked to the models.

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2. Without thinking, Sarah blurted out the answer, it was correct, but her classmates scowled at her.

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3. After the game, which we won 1-0, our coach cheered for us the fans roared we were champions!

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4. Ken, ordinarily a man of great integrity, studied the situation, wiped the chocolate from his chin, and disappeared without another word.

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5. Katie filled the cooler with drinks, arranged the flowers on the tables, and sliced the fruit, Sue lounged on a lawn chair, tanning herself and snoring loudly.

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