

UNIT 8 AVOIDING SENTENCE FRAGMENTS AND RUN-ONS

TEST A

Identify each of the two word groups by writing the following letters in the space at the right: [2 points for each numbered item]

F = Fragment S = Sentence

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| 1 | Although Sweden has a king. Its government is democratic. | 1 | _____ |
| 2 | The bathtub overflowed. Flooding the floor. | 2 | _____ |
| 3 | As the President's car passed. The crowd cheered and shouted. | 3 | _____ |
| 4 | Dad hastily took off his apron. And went to the door. | 4 | _____ |
| 5 | Every pilot has a book of instructions. For her particular type of plane. | 5 | _____ |
| 6 | Without making up his bed. Or picking up his things. | 6 | _____ |
| 7 | After I bought the set. The price was reduced. | 7 | _____ |
| 8 | The theater was full. People were waiting in the lobby. | 8 | _____ |
| 9 | My grandparents live in Chilli. A small town in Oklahoma. | 9 | _____ |
| 10 | Rice is grown in fields. Which are flooded with water. | 10 | _____ |
| 11 | After a long delay. Our plane finally took off. | 11 | _____ |
| 12 | The Holts moved. So that they would be closer to a school. | 12 | _____ |

Correct each run-on by writing a period and the capitalized word that should follow it. Four sentences are correct as they stand. Write the word **Correct** after each of these sentences. [2 points each]

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| 13 | The whale is not a fish, it is a mammal. | 13 | _____ |
| 14 | At first Dad looked irritated, then he burst out laughing. | 14 | _____ |
| 15 | While the female bird sits on the eggs, the male bird searches for food. | 15 | _____ |
| 16 | Atoms are extremely small, they cannot be seen by the eye through the most powerful microscope. | 16 | _____ |
| 17 | Julie wasn't at home, she was delivering a lecture. | 17 | _____ |
| 18 | We spent a week in San Francisco, which is a fascinating city. | 18 | _____ |
| 19 | If you should ever visit Mexico, then you will be glad that you studied Spanish. | 19 | _____ |
| 20 | We waited for a half hour, then we went on our way. | 20 | _____ |
| 21 | Starting very early in the morning, we avoided the heavy holiday traffic. | 21 | _____ |
| 22 | Owls have very big eyes, therefore they can see in dim light. | 22 | _____ |

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [2 points each]
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- 23 From every part of the state. 23 _____
- 24 My parents consented. 24 _____
- 25 One of the deadliest snakes in the world. 25 _____
- 26 The child stood at the curb, waiting for a chance to cross. 26 _____
- 27 Vince was driving too fast, he lost control of the car. 27 _____
- 28 A small island in the Pacific Ocean. 28 _____
- 29 The soil was hard, therefore the seeds wouldn't sprout. 29 _____
- 30 Although Virginia has many good qualities. 30 _____
- 31 Although Brownie barks fiercely, he doesn't bite. 31 _____
- 32 The preface is important, it explains how the author collected
her material. 32 _____

One line in each pair is correct; the other contains either a fragment or a run-on. Write the letter of the correct line.
[4 points each]

- 33 a. I picked up my change, a nickel and a dime.
b. I picked up my change. A nickel and a dime. 33 _____
- 34 a. The party was a success, everyone had a good time.
b. The party was a success. Everyone had a good time. 34 _____
- 35 a. The tack came loose, and the picture fell.
b. The tack came loose. And the picture fell. 35 _____
- 36 a. The Bergers don't own the farm. They merely rent it.
b. The Bergers don't own the farm, they merely rent it. 36 _____
- 37 a. Alligators are usually timid. Crocodiles are often ferocious.
b. Alligators are usually timid, crocodiles are often ferocious. 37 _____
- 38 a. My uncle has some camping equipment which he never uses.
b. My uncle has some camping equipment. Which he never uses. 38 _____
- 39 a. Colby made a touchdown. In the first five minutes of play.
b. Colby made a touchdown in the first five minutes of play. 39 _____
- 40 a. There was no bus in sight, we decided to walk home.
b. There was no bus in sight. We decided to walk home. 40 _____
- 41 a. I didn't write to you because I lost your address.
b. I didn't write to you. Because I lost your address. 41 _____