

# UNIT 8 AVOIDING SENTENCE FRAGMENTS AND RUN-ONS

**TEST  
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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  | Julie stopped at a bookstore. And bought a dictionary.              | 1  | _____ |
| 2  | During the past semester. My reading has improved.                  | 2  | _____ |
| 3  | Mozart showed unusual talent. When he was only four years old.      | 3  | _____ |
| 4  | "Sleigh Ride" is by Leroy Anderson. An American composer.           | 4  | _____ |
| 5  | I was nervous before the game. My feet felt like lead.              | 5  | _____ |
| 6  | Sitting at her desk. With her eyes closed.                          | 6  | _____ |
| 7  | After Tom had the accident. He didn't want to drive again.          | 7  | _____ |
| 8  | I saved my money. So that I could buy a new trumpet.                | 8  | _____ |
| 9  | Dave struck out. Leaving two men on base.                           | 9  | _____ |
| 10 | Although the tree is small. It will grow rapidly.                   | 10 | _____ |
| 11 | I would give something useful. Like a leather wallet.               | 11 | _____ |
| 12 | The chair is made of aluminum. Which is one of the lightest metals. | 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 | Rita started for the office, then she changed her mind.                               | 13 | _____ |
| 14 | By running a film backward, you can produce some very weird effects.                  | 14 | _____ |
| 15 | The wheel was squeaking, it needed some oil.  | 15 | _____ |
| 16 | Looking over her paper, Judy found a ridiculous mistake.                              | 16 | _____ |
| 17 | Terry was bored, he had nothing to do.  | 17 | _____ |
| 18 | The lights flickered, then they went out completely.                                  | 18 | _____ |
| 19 | As soon as I entered the dentist's office, my tooth stopped aching.                   | 19 | _____ |
| 20 | My parents did not object, they merely wanted more information about our plans.       | 20 | _____ |
| 21 | It had rained all night, therefore the field was muddy.                               | 21 | _____ |
| 22 | If a squirrel should fail to dig up the buried acorn, an oak tree will start to grow. | 22 | _____ |

Identify each word group, using the following letters: [2 points each]  
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- 23 The most exciting book in our library. **23** \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 We had no screws, therefore we used nails. **24** \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 Our fire went out. **25** \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 Forgetting to feed the dog. **26** \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 My camera is not expensive, it cost only a few dollars. **27** \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 Our dog can be trusted with small children. **28** \_\_\_\_\_
- 29 Alligators are cold-blooded, they live in warm regions. **29** \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 After he papered one wall of the room, he saw his mistake. **30** \_\_\_\_\_
- 31 Because some campers are careless with fire. **31** \_\_\_\_\_
- 32 For the rest of this week. **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. We knew that Earl was home. By the light in his room.  
 b. We knew that Earl was home by the light in his room. **33** \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 a. The car wouldn't start, we had to push it.  
 b. The car wouldn't start. We had to push it. **34** \_\_\_\_\_
- 35 a. We once owned a Siamese cat whose name was Julie.  
 b. We once owned a Siamese cat. Whose name was Julie. **35** \_\_\_\_\_
- 36 a. The doors were closed, the play had already started.  
 b. The doors were closed. The play had already started. **36** \_\_\_\_\_
- 37 a. Company is sure to drop in whenever our house is upset.  
 b. Company is sure to drop in. Whenever our house is upset. **37** \_\_\_\_\_
- 38 a. We enjoyed the dessert, ice cream with fresh strawberries.  
 b. We enjoyed the dessert. Ice cream with fresh strawberries. **38** \_\_\_\_\_
- 39 a. Birds help the farmer, they eat destructive insects.  
 b. Birds help the farmer. They eat destructive insects. **39** \_\_\_\_\_
- 40 a. Sue had seen the movie before and kept telling us the plot.  
 b. Sue had seen the movie before. And kept telling us the plot. **40** \_\_\_\_\_
- 41 a. White clothes reflect the sun's rays, black clothes absorb them.  
 b. White clothes reflect the sun's rays. Black clothes absorb them. **41** \_\_\_\_\_