

# COMMA SPLICES AND FUSED SENTENCES – EXERCISE 5

**Directions:** Choose the correct way to fix the underlined problem in each item. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

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 did not 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. Professor 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 that 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 the omelet cooking in the kitchen, she was surprised when the stovetop fire 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 does not care that her rent will be late or that she will have to eat macaroni and cheese for a month.
- 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 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 whiteout, but they refused to **dry when** the professor called time, Fred closed the cover of his exam book and hoped the pages would not cement together.
- A. dry, when
  - B. dry; when
  - C. dry, as a result, when

16. As Irene scooped stuffing from the Thanksgiving turkey, gold glinted in the **breadcrumbs, finally**, the earring that she had lost early that morning reappeared.
- 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** this young man 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 subordinates who are too afraid of losing their jobs to defend themselves.
- A. administration he
  - B. administration, because he
  - C. administration since he

20. In Professor 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

