

GRAMMAR WORKSHEET I (F10) KEY

fragments, comma splices, fused sentences

Sentence Fragments

Directions:

Mark a "CS" if you find a comma splice and circle the incorrect comma.

Mark an "FS" if you find a fused sentence and circle where a comma is needed.

Mark "Frag" if you find a sentence fragment and underline the fragment.

Mark "C" if the sentence is correct.

1. Frag Then I attended Morris Junior High. A junior high that was a bad experience.
2. Frag The scene was filled with beauty. Such as the sun sending its brilliant rays to the earth and the leaves of various shades of red, yellow, and brown moving slowly in the wind.
3. CS After listening for weeks to her boyfriend Steve bragging about his mother's chili, Amy anticipated the first delicious spoonful, the hair floating among the beef and beans, however, killed her appetite.
4. C He talked for fifty minutes without taking his eyes off his notes. Like other teachers in that department, he did not encourage students' questions.
5. FS When Javier was supposed to be in trigonometry, he was instead flirting with pretty girls in the cafeteria needlessly to say, he was inadequately prepared to make the 98 that he needed on the final exam to pass the course.
6. C A few of the less serious fellows would go into a bar for a steak dinner and a few glasses of beer. After this meal, they were ready for anything.
7. CS Hoping to relax after a busy week at work and school, Cheryl smoothed on some sunscreen, settled onto her pool raft, and opened her new Stephen King novel, then her neighbor cranked up the lawnmower, ruining the quiet.
8. CS Syed finally decided to clean out his disorganized book bag, old US Government handouts, math notes from Intermediate Algebra, leaky ballpoint pens, and a smashed banana littered the inside.
9. Frag It can be really embarrassing to be so emotional. Especially when you are on your first date, you feel that you should be in control.

10. FS Chet decided to get a huge Chinese dragon tattooed across his shoulder blades once the stabbing needle pierced his skin, however, Chet quickly changed his mind, opting to pierce an ear instead.
11. Frag The magazine has a reputation for a sophisticated, prestigious, and elite group of readers. Although that is a value judgment and in circumstances not a true premise.
12. Frag In the seventh grade, every young boy goes out for football. To prove to himself and his parents that he is a man.
13. Frag Making up his mind quickly. Jim ordered two dozen red roses for his wife. Hoping she would accept his apology.
14. Frag They were all having a good time. Until one of Joe's oldest and best friends had a little too much to drink.
15. Frag Although it only attained a speed of about twelve miles an hour. My old rowboat with its three-horsepower motor seemed like a high-speed job to me.
16. FS Struggling to capture the nude model on paper, Sima whined that she didn't have the right pencil at the same time, she realized that this complaint was the same as saying that she couldn't sink a basketball because she didn't have expensive athletic shoes.
17. C With my brother standing by my side, I reached for the pot handle. Tilting the pot way too much caused the boiling water to spill.
18. Frag The small, one-story houses are all the same size and style. With no difference except the color.
19. CS When Millie overheard Coach Jones complain that women didn't belong on a basketball court, she became so angry that she picked up a tennis racket and whacked him over the head, the assault and battery charge, in Millie's opinion, was worth it.
20. Frag Since Jill and Jack were behaving in a very irresponsible and downright outrageous way by running up the hill trying to fetch a pail of water that really wasn't needed at that time when they should have been studying instead.