



Fragments I:

Read each group below. Then ^{circle} write the letter of the item that contains a fragment.

- 1
 - a. Leon was very nervous. He had not studied for the exam. A failing grade could result in his failing the course.
 - b. Leon was very nervous because he had not studied for the exam. A failing grade could result in his failing the course.
 - c. Because Leon had not studied for the exam. He was very nervous. A failing grade could result in his failing the course.

- 2
 - a. In 2005, the Oscar for Best Actor went to Morgan Freeman. Who had been nominated for four other Oscars.
 - b. In 2005, the Oscar for Best Actor went to Morgan Freeman. He had been nominated for four other Oscars.
 - c. In 2005, the Oscar for Best Actor went to Morgan Freeman, who had been nominated for four other Oscars.

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 - a. Before Tracy went to the party, she tried on six different outfits. She finally chose the one she'd tried on first.
 - b. Before Tracy went to the party. She tried on six different outfits. She finally chose the one she'd tried on first.
 - c. Tracy tried on six different outfits before she went to the party. She finally chose the one she'd tried on first.

- 4
 - a. On our drive into the city, we came across an accident. Which had closed three of the four lanes of traffic. It added an extra hour to our trip.
 - b. On our drive into the city, we came across an accident, which had closed three of the four lanes of traffic. It added an extra hour to our trip.
 - c. On our drive into the city, we came across an accident. It had closed three of the four lanes of traffic, and it added an extra hour to our trip.

- 5
 - a. Unless you are ready to work hard. Don't even think of enrolling in Dr. Reynold's class. She is a very demanding teacher.
 - b. Don't even think of enrolling in Dr. Reynold's class unless you are ready to work hard. She is a very demanding teacher.
 - c. Unless you are ready to work hard, don't even think of enrolling in Dr. Reynold's class. She is a very demanding teacher.

Run-Ons and Comma Splices I: TEST 5

In each group below, one sentence is punctuated correctly. ^{Circle} Write the letter of that sentence in the space provided.

1. a. Raoul is colorblind, so his wife lays out his clothes every morning.
b. Raoul is colorblind his wife lays out his clothes every morning.
c. Raoul is colorblind, his wife lays out his clothes every morning.
2. a. The weatherman predicted a sunny day, it is cold and cloudy.
b. The weatherman predicted a sunny day it is cold and cloudy.
 c. The weatherman predicted a sunny day, but it is cold and cloudy.
3. a. The hammer and saw began to rust they had been left out in the rain.
 b. The hammer and saw began to rust. They had been left out in the rain.
c. The hammer and saw began to rust, they had been left out in the rain.
4. a. My final exams are next week, I am very worried about passing.
 b. My final exams are next week, and I am very worried about passing.
c. My final exams are next week I am very worried about passing.
5. a. I was sick a lot at the start of the semester, I was not able to keep up with the work.
b. I was sick a lot at the start of the semester I was not able to keep up with the work.
 c. I was sick a lot at the start of the semester, so I was not able to keep up with the work.
6. a. I do not enjoy feeling stress I never intend to get so far behind in class again.
b. I do not enjoy feeling stress, I never intend to get so far behind in class again.
 c. I do not enjoy feeling stress. I never intend to get so far behind in class again.
7. a. The children have been eating chocolate. It is smeared all over their faces.
b. The children have been eating chocolate it is smeared all over their faces.
c. The children have been eating chocolate, it is smeared all over their faces.
8. a. The air is very stale in the library, and the lighting is poor.
b. The air is very stale in the library the lighting is poor.
c. The air is very stale in the library, the lighting is poor.
9. a. My ancestors came from Greece, they arrived in this country in 1912.
b. My ancestors came from Greece they arrived in this country in 1912.
 c. My ancestors came from Greece. They arrived in this country in 1912.
10. a. The magician locked his assistant in a box then he cut her in half with a chainsaw.
b. The magician locked his assistant in a box, then he cut her in half with a chainsaw.
 c. The magician locked his assistant in a box. Then he cut her in half with a chainsaw.

Run-Ons and Comma Splices II: TEST 5

In each group below, one sentence is punctuated correctly. ^{Circle} Write the letter of that sentence in the space provided.

- (a) Although friends had told us the restaurant was very good, we had a dreadful meal.
b. Friends had told us the restaurant was very good, we had a dreadful meal.
c. Although friends had told us the restaurant was very good. We had a dreadful meal.
- a. You don't enjoy the party, we can leave early.
(b) If you don't enjoy the party, we can leave early.
c. If you don't enjoy the party. We can leave early.
- a. I nearly had a heart attack. When the smoke alarm started shrieking at 2 a.m.
b. I nearly had a heart attack, the smoke alarm started shrieking at 2 a.m.
(c) I nearly had a heart attack when the smoke alarm started shrieking at 2 a.m.
- a. I let myself eat that chocolate cake, I will finish my homework.
b. Before I let myself eat that chocolate cake. I will finish my homework.
(c) Before I let myself eat that chocolate cake, I will finish my homework.
- a. Kristen came back from her blind date, she said, "Never, ever, ever again."
(b) After Kristen came back from her blind date, she said, "Never, ever, ever again."
c. After Kristen came back from her blind date. She said, "Never, ever, ever again."
- a. Although I love spicy Mexican food. I do not love the heartburn it gives me.
(b) Although I love spicy Mexican food, I do not love the heartburn it gives me.
c. I love spicy Mexican food, I do not love the heartburn it gives me.
- (a) The two brothers seldom speak because they had an argument ten years ago.
b. The two brothers seldom speak. Because they had an argument ten years ago.
c. Because they had an argument ten years ago. The two brothers seldom speak.
- a. You are afraid of snakes, you might not want to go on the hike with us.
b. You might not want to go on the hike with us. If you are afraid of snakes.
(c) If you are afraid of snakes, you might not want to go on the hike with us.
- a. The soup was too hot to eat, I dropped in two ice cubes to cool it off.
b. Because the soup was too hot to eat. I dropped in two ice cubes to cool it off.
(c) Because the soup was too hot to eat, I dropped in two ice cubes to cool it off.
- a. The neighbors saw a police car pull up outside. They turned off their lights and watched through the window.
(b) When the neighbors saw a police car pull up outside, they turned off their lights and watched through the window.
c. When the neighbors saw a police car pull up outside. They turned off their lights and watched through the window.

The Comma: TEST 5

In each group below, one sentence uses the comma correctly. ^{Circle} Write the letter of that sentence in the space provided.

- The BEST choice!* →
- Susan, Mary and Roberta were all supposed to have their babies on the same due date.
 - Susan Mary and Roberta, were all supposed to have their babies on the same due date.
 - Susan, Mary, and Roberta were all supposed to have their babies on the same due date.
 - The list of super foods includes spinach, blueberries broccoli, and flaxseed.
 - The list of super foods includes, spinach blueberries, broccoli, and flaxseed.
 - The list of super foods includes spinach, blueberries, broccoli, and flaxseed.
 - By the last week of the term, half of the advanced math class had dropped out.
 - By the last week of the term half of the advanced, math class had dropped out.
 - By the last week of the term half of the advanced math class, had dropped out.
 - My cat was only eight months old when she gave birth to kittens, so we thought she might not be a good mother.
 - My cat, was only eight months old when she gave birth, to kittens so we thought she might not be a good mother.
 - My cat was only eight months old, when she gave birth to kittens so we thought she might not be a good mother.
 - My little nephew wanted to be, a clown, a fireman, a farmer, or a policeman when he grew up.
 - My little nephew wanted to be a clown, a fireman, a farmer, or a policeman when he grew up.
 - My little nephew wanted to be a clown a fireman a farmer, or a policeman when he grew up.
 - The speeding motorist could not control his car, so it careened off the highway into a ditch.
 - The speeding motorist could not control his car so it careened off the highway into a ditch.
 - The speeding motorist could not control his car so, it careened off the highway into a ditch.
 - At the post office I had, to wait in line for over twenty minutes.
 - At the post office, I had to wait in line for over twenty minutes.
 - At the post office I had to wait in line for over twenty minutes.
 - I need some new running shoes but, I do not have the money right now.
 - I need some new running shoes but I do not have the money, right now.
 - I need some new running shoes, but I do not have the money right now.