

WORKSHEET 1**Correcting Run-on Sentences****EXERCISE**

1. The St. Lawrence Seaway opened the Great Lakes to large ocean vessels. **A** cruise up the seaway makes a pleasant vacation.
2. Travelers may also take boat trips from Seattle to Victoria, British Columbia. **T**hen they can go on to Vancouver from Victoria.
3. C
4. Fine bone china cups and saucers are available. **C**ollecting these is a hobby for many people.
5. C
6. A trip through the Canadian Rockies is memorable. **M**any of the rugged mountains are covered with snow all summer.
7. C
8. The Calgary Stampede is a popular attraction. **I**t features bareback riding and other events.
9. The Canadian side of Niagara Falls is beautiful. **Y**ou can go right up to the Horseshoe Falls.
10. A trip to Ottawa, Ontario, should include a visit to the stately buildings of Canada's Parliament. **T**hey are built in the Gothic style.

WORKSHEET 2**Correcting and Revising Run-on Sentences****EXERCISE A**

Today, when modern meteorologists forecast the weather, they can count on the help of an impressive battery of scientific devices. Weather satellites, for example, relay photographs of cloud formations from all over the world. **T**hese pictures show where storms are beginning over oceans and deserts. **T**he paths of typhoons and hurricanes are tracked in the same way. Weather information from all sources is fed into powerful computers. **T**hus the weather can be evaluated with amazing speed.

Our ancestors had no complicated weather instruments. **T**hey had to rely on their eyes and ears and a few old proverbs and maxims. Their methods were hardly scientific. **H**owever, some were founded on fact. Today, for example, no one still believes the old superstition about the groundhog, but we celebrate Groundhog Day just the same. If the groundhog sees its shadow on the second day of February, there will be six more

weeks of winter. **W**atch for yourself and see! The behavior of insects, on the other hand, is still a good indicator of temperature because insects are cold-blooded. Grasshoppers cannot fly when the temperature drops below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. **I**f you hear a cricket chirping, count the number of chirps in fourteen seconds and add forty. **T**hen you will have the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Today, weather forecasting is more accurate, if less picturesque, than it was in the old days. **H**owever, the forecasters are not always right, perhaps because there are so many factors to consider.

EXERCISE B (*Revisions may vary.*)

1. He invited me to visit him. **W**e went many places around Miami.
2. We could go to the animal park, **or** we could go to the aquarium, **but** we did not have time to go to both.
3. We went to the animal park, **and** I saw a Komodo dragon.
4. We also saw tree kangaroos. **T**hey are very cute.
5. C
6. The animals are not in cages, **but** they cannot get out.
7. The elephants live in big areas, **and** they are able to live normal lives.
8. Different exhibits deal with the continents of Asia, Africa, and Europe. **T**he Asian exhibit includes rare white Bengal tigers.
9. The African plains exhibit has giraffes, zebras, and ostriches living together as they do in the wild. **A** gorilla family also lives among them.
10. The animal park is the best one I ever visited. **I** hope to go back again soon.

WORKSHEET 3**Combining Choppy Sentences by Inserting Words****EXERCISE** (*Revisions of sentence 5 may vary.*)

1. The Himalayas are the tallest mountains in Asia.
2. You can see a beautiful view of Mount Everest from Darjeeling.
3. Tea bushes grow on the steep, fertile slopes of the hills near Darjeeling.
4. The Sherpas are Tibetan people who live in northeast Nepal.

5. Sherpa guide Tenzing Norgay was one of the first mountain climbers to reach the top of Mount Everest.
6. The greatest danger in mountain climbing comes from the high altitude and the bitter cold.
7. The bright sun reflecting on the white snow can cause temporary blindness.
8. The thin air at that high altitude makes expensive oxygen masks necessary.
9. The penetrating cold can cause severe frostbite on exposed fingers and toes.
10. Climbers need light, durable boots and nutritious food for reaching high altitudes.

WORKSHEET 4**Combining Choppy Sentences by Inserting Phrases**

EXERCISE A (*Word order may vary in sentence 9.*)

1. Alexander the Great's father was the king of Macedonia.
2. When Alexander was young, he saw some wild horses in the marketplace.
3. One horse with a deep black coat threw anyone who dared to ride it.
4. Alexander's father, Philip, wanted to destroy the black horse with the mean temper.
5. Alexander noticed the shadow in front of the horse.
6. The horse's shadow moved on the ground as the horse jumped.
7. Alexander recognized the horse's fear of its own shadow.
8. He grabbed the reins on the horse and turned the animal around.
9. In this direction the horse no longer saw its frightening shadow on the ground.
10. The story about Alexander the Great taming the black horse is an example of his intelligence and compassion.

EXERCISE B (*Revisions may vary.*)

1. Employed by a large consulting firm, Nora is one of the firm's most successful consultants.
2. Carrying a mobile phone with her, she is able to answer her clients' questions at all times.
3. Known nationwide for her skill in solving computer problems, she is often the first person requested by a company in need.

4. Riding to the rescue, Nora is sometimes a company's last hope to save their computer files.
5. Regarded as one of the best by other members of her profession, last year she won an award from a national association of computer consultants.

WORKSHEET 5**Combining Choppy Sentences by Using *And*, *But*, or *Or***

EXERCISE A (*Revisions may vary slightly.*)

1. They will hike in Rocky Mountain National Park and pitch their tents in Hidden Valley.
2. Last year Marcy walked up Trail Ridge to the alpine meadows and went fishing in the Fall River.
3. Naomi and Marcy are interested in watching for bighorn sheep.
4. Sheep usually graze on the high slopes or wander down near Sheep Lake.
5. Marcy and Naomi have plenty of equipment for camping.
6. The pair will eat freeze-dried food or enjoy fish caught in the brooks and lakes.
7. Marcy or Naomi may clean the fish and cook them.
8. Naomi's father will drive out for the weekend and take them hiking above the timberline.
9. Camping and hiking are among the girls' favorite pastimes.
10. Both Marcy and Naomi are looking forward to the trip and are excited about camping in the mountains.

EXERCISE B (*Choice of conjunctions may vary.*)

1. Benjamin Franklin was an apprentice printer for his brother James, but he did not like working for him.
2. Franklin read many books after work, and in his writing he tried to copy the authors' styles.
3. Franklin and his brother printed the newspaper, and Franklin also had to sell the paper on the street.
4. U
5. Franklin could stay in Boston to work for his brother, or he could run away to seek his fortune.
6. He first went to New York City, but there was no work for printers in that city.

7. He took a ferry to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and a storm drove the ferry onto the rocks.
8. U
9. Franklin finally started his own print shop, and it became successful very quickly.
10. Benjamin Franklin started *Poor Richard's Almanac*, and this publication made him famous.

WORKSHEET 6**Combining Choppy Sentences by Using Subordinate Clauses****EXERCISE A** (*Revisions may vary slightly.*)

1. A newer park, which is four times the size of Yellowstone National Park, is called Gates of the Arctic National Park.
2. Many national parks are crowded with visitors, who may threaten the natural environment.
3. One national park in Hawaii contains active volcanoes that sometimes spew fire and lava.
4. Forest rangers, whom most people never see, work deep within the national forest.
5. At Mesa Verde National Park you can climb down into kivas that were built by ancient cliff dwellers.
6. My aunt Laura's job, which is filled with danger, is guiding rafts down the Colorado River.
7. In Virginia there is a national monument to Booker T. Washington, who made many contributions to education.
8. Dinosaur National Monument, which interests me the most of all monuments, is in Colorado.
9. Terry, who loves to camp by the sea, will enjoy Acadia National Park.
10. Rangers who live in tall watchtowers scan the horizon for forest fires.

EXERCISE B (*Order of clauses will vary.*)

1. Many people want to be ballet dancers because ballet dancing seems to be a glamorous profession.
2. The United States Constitution will last another two hundred years if we maintain our love for freedom.
3. When we were seven or eight years old, we sat through movie matinees every Saturday.
4. Since she won the election last year, Melinda is not eligible to run again.
5. Preston wants to exercise every day so that he can stay fit.

6. Wherever there are hungry bears and unguarded campsites, there is trouble.
7. Although the choice of merchandise is limited, we will do all our shopping in this store.
8. Unless he or she begins training very early, an athlete has no chance to enter the Olympics.
9. While the batter took some practice swings, the pitcher threw warm-up tosses.
10. Marsha had already received her prize in the mail before Phil collected all thirty-three box tops.

WORKSHEET 7**Revising Stringy and Wordy Sentences****EXERCISE A** (*Revisions will vary.*)

1. Tanmoor is an interesting character in a story Jessica wrote. He is from a small town in Argentina, but he wants to go to a big city.
2. The story about Tanmoor has an exciting beginning. It opens with his father working on a ranch.
3. Some rustlers come to the ranch, and a group of bankers arrives. Some angry neighbors visit, and tension mounts.
4. Tanmoor's father is a *vaquero*, a cowboy. *Vaqueros* have a lot of responsibility.
5. Tanmoor's father, named Carlos but nicknamed Coco, is trusted by the ranch owners.
6. Tanmoor helps his father and enjoys the work, but he wants to own his own business in the city.
7. A smart boy, he likes to figure out people, so he watches their expressions and movements.
8. Tanmoor identifies the rustlers and tricks the bankers. Then he calms the neighbors, restoring peace to the ranch.
9. Jessica modeled the character Tanmoor after her brother, Tom Andrew Moore.
10. Tom Moore reads a lot about South America and can tell you all about its major cities.

EXERCISE B (*Revisions will vary.*)

1. I usually order a large salad when we eat out.
2. After the game ended, my voice was hoarse from yelling.
3. With a quick movement of her fingers, Nana turned the hot tortillas.
4. Mariah knows all of the state capitals.
5. We passed the pavilion as a woman yelled loudly.