

## Recognition Of Correct Sentence Structure

### UWF Writing Lab

#### THE USE OF COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

- . Helen is trying to lose weight and turns down all desserts.
- . Helen is trying to lose weight, and she turns down all desserts.
- . Should we preserve our historic buildings or replace them with modern structures?
- . I have read this controversial novel but have not yet made up my mind about it.
- . Congress will pass this bill, but the President will surely veto it.

#### THE USE OF CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS

- . The car's body is rusty and battered; however, its motor is in excellent condition.
- . The car's body is rusty and battered. However, its motor is in excellent condition.
- . The car's body is rusty and battered; its motor, however, is in excellent condition.
- . There is considerable unemployment; nevertheless, there is a great shortage of skilled workers.
- . Sports keep a player physically fit; furthermore, they develop a sense of teamwork.
- . The owner of a car should, therefore, always carry insurance.

#### THE USE OF THE SEMI-COLON AND NO CONNECTOR

- . Yearly, there seem to be new "in" sports and games; this year a number of people are playing racquetball and backgammon.
- . Madam X reads palms and gazes into a crystal ball; her husband digs the prophet and the profit.
- . The two girls were like twins; neither would go anywhere without the other.
- . The movie had an adverse effect on George; he identified with the man who committed suicide.
- . When the weather is good, I prefer to be outdoors; in bad weather, I like to stay inside by the fire.

#### THE USE OF SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

- . We no longer swim in Blue Lake because the water is polluted.
- . Although alchemy was largely based upon magic, it provided the foundation for modern chemistry.
- . I thought that I could pass the test although I hadn't studied very much.
- . Because, in English classes, many high school students spend most of their time reading and discussing literature, they don't get enough practice in writing.
- . If a forest is given a chance, it will steadily renew itself.

#### FRAGMENTS (incorrect)

- . *My father having the blindest sense of humor in the world.*

- . Soccer, which is the number one sport in the world. Has become popular in the United States.
- . The accountant checked the books. But could find no mistakes.
- . If his speech had been half as long. It would have been twice as effective.
- . I thought that I could pass the test; although I hadn't studied very much.

REVIEW

- . Most people were getting up; we were still getting down.
- . Most people were getting up, but we were still getting down.
- . Most people were getting up; however, we were still getting down.
- . Although most people were getting up, we were still getting down.
- . We were still getting down although most people were getting up.

Run-on or Fused Sentence (incorrect)

*Most people were getting up we were still getting down.*

Comma Splice (incorrect)

*Most people were getting up, we were still getting down.*

CORRECT SENTENCE PATTERNS (The line represents a complete sentence or independent clause).

1. \_\_\_\_\_, coordinating conjunction \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_; conjunctive adverb, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ . Conjunctive adverb, \_\_\_\_\_.

SENTENCE ERRORS

. Comma Splice

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, conjunctive adverb, \_\_\_\_\_.

. Run-on or Fused Sentence

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