

Lesson Three: Combining Sentences

EXERCISES:

A. Make the following sentences into one compound sentence using coordinating conjunctions and commas.

1. Bill loves hiking and camping. Bill loves canoeing best.
2. Relaxation can be difficult to learn. Some people do seek help.
3. Teachers don't like it when you read while they are trying to teach. Teachers especially don't like it when you talk while they are trying to teach.
4. Hunter likes heavy metal music. Hunter enjoys hip-hop tunes also.
5. The governor decided to pardon the criminal. The criminal had not been proven guilty.

B. Combine the following two sentences using a semicolon. Remember that sentences combined this way need to contain ideas of equal importance.

1. I love ice cream. I love tomatoes and healthy foods too.
2. Tim was shy. He usually refused invitations.

C. Fix the following fused sentences using a semicolon. Fused sentences are two complete sentences that are run together with no punctuation.

1. Throughout history money and religion were closely linked there was little distinction between government and religion.
2. Several times I went to the front desk requesting that our room be given maid service my efforts produced no positive results.
3. The sun sank lower in the sky the colors gradually faded.
4. Eating pizza makes me feel ill eating anything with tomato sauce in it makes me feel ill.
5. The movie was inferior to others in the series the others had decent dialogue and more convincing plots.

C. Identify whether the following sentences are simple, compound or complex sentences. Also, mention which of the clauses is the main clause and the subordinate clause.

1. I did not know that this food was meant only for the staff.
2. She is innocent, so she has appealed to the court.
3. If you are not ready with the song, it is better to let them know.
4. She will come home or I will stay back at her place.
5. In the evening, I am going to the park.
6. The sun looks amazing today.
7. I remember the day that we met very well.
8. . After they reach the hotel, they will inform us.
9. We are going to the park.