

Editing Compound & Complex Sentences – Practice Set 3

1. I tried to study for chemistry, I fell asleep on my textbook instead.
A) I tried to study for chemistry but I fell asleep on my textbook instead.
B) I tried to study for chemistry; I fell asleep on my textbook instead.
C) I tried to study for chemistry, and I fell asleep on my textbook instead.
D) All of the above are correct.

2. Neither the memes nor the group chat makes sense after midnight.
A) Neither the memes nor the group chat make sense after midnight.
B) Neither the memes nor the group chat makes sense after midnight.
C) Neither the memes or the group chat make sense after midnight.
D) Neither the memes nor the group chat making sense after midnight.

3. Although I don't like running but I still signed up for the marathon.
A) Although I don't like running, I still signed up for the marathon.
B) I don't like running although I still signed up for the marathon.
C) Although I don't like running, but I still signed up for the marathon.
D) Although I don't like running; I still signed up for the marathon.

4. The students was ready to present, and the teacher look nervous.
A) The students were ready to present, and the teacher looked nervous.
B) The students was ready to present, and the teacher looked nervous.
C) The students were ready to present, but the teacher look nervous.
D) The students were ready to present, the teacher looked nervous.

5. My dog barked at the squirrel, he also chased the mailman.
A) My dog barked at the squirrel, but he also chased the mailman.
B) My dog barked at the squirrel and he also chased the mailman.
C) My dog barked at the squirrel; he also chased the mailman.
D) All of the above are correct.



6. Each of the players have to bring their uniform and cleats.

- A) Each of the players has to bring their uniform and cleats.
- B) Each of the players have to bring his or her uniform and cleats.
- C) Each of the players has to bring his or her uniform and cleats.
- D) No change

7. Because she forgot her homework, and she lost her binder.

- A) Because she forgot her homework, she lost her binder.
- B) She forgot her homework, and because she lost her binder.
- C) Because she forgot her homework, so she lost her binder.
- D) Because she forgot her homework, she also lost her binder.

8. The band is playing loudly, the neighbors are plotting revenge.

- A) The band is playing loudly but the neighbors are plotting revenge.
- B) The band is playing loudly, and the neighbors are plotting revenge.
- C) The band is playing loudly; the neighbors are plotting revenge.
- D) All of the above are correct.

9. Neither the teacher nor the students was ready for the fire drill when the alarms go off.

- A) Neither the teacher nor the students were ready for the fire drill when the alarms went off.
- B) Neither the teacher nor the students were ready for the fire drill when the alarms goes off.
- C) Neither the teacher nor the students was ready for the fire drill when the alarms went off.
- D) Neither the teacher nor the students are ready for the fire drill when the alarms went off.

10. I wanted to watch Netflix, but my Wi-Fi broke down, I just stared at a blank screen.

- A) I wanted to watch Netflix but my Wi-Fi broke down, so I just stared at a blank screen.
- B) I wanted to watch Netflix, but my Wi-Fi broke down; I just stared at a blank screen.
- C) I wanted to watch Netflix but my Wi-Fi broke down and I just stared at a blank screen.
- D) I wanted to watch Netflix but my Wi-Fi broke down I just stared at a blank screen.



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Answer Key (Set 3)

1. **B** – Semicolon is the cleanest fix; A and C are okay but less precise (D is a trap).
2. **A** – Closest subject = memes (plural) → “make.”
3. **A** – Remove “but.” Extra subordinating conjunction makes it wrong.
4. **A** – Fix both noun–verb agreements.
5. **C** – Semicolon correctly joins two independent clauses; A & B work but create weaker coordination.
6. **C** – “Each” = singular → “has” + “his or her.”
7. **A** – Smooth correction; others are fragments or wordy.
8. **C** – Semicolon is the most precise fix; others are weaker coordination.
9. **A** – “Students were” + “alarms went off.” Correct tense & agreement.
10. **B** – Semicolon separates clauses cleanly; A & C verge on wordiness; D = run-on.

