

Editing Compound & Complex Sentences – Practice Set 2 (intermediate level)

1. I wanted to finish my essay I kept watching cat videos instead.

- A) I wanted to finish my essay, I kept watching cat videos instead.
- B) I wanted to finish my essay, but I kept watching cat videos instead.
- C) I wanted to finish my essay and kept watching cat videos instead.
- D) I wanted to finish my essay; but I kept watching cat videos instead.

2. Neither my phone nor my earbuds works when they are both fully charge.

- A) Neither my phone nor my earbuds works when they are both fully charged.
- B) Neither my phone nor my earbuds work when they are both fully charged.
- C) Neither my phone or my earbuds work when they are both fully charged.
- D) Neither my phone nor my earbuds works when they are both fully charges.

3. She loves pizza, however she don't likes pineapple on it.

- A) She loves pizza, however she doesn't like pineapple on it.
- B) She loves pizza; however, she doesn't like pineapple on it.
- C) She loves pizza, however she doesn't likes pineapple on it.
- D) She loves pizza however, she doesn't like pineapple on it.

4. Because he was late, and he missed the bus.

- A) Because he was late, he missed the bus.
- B) Because he was late and missed the bus.
- C) He was late, and because he missed the bus.
- D) Because he was late, so he missed the bus.

5. The test was difficult, we studied for weeks.

- A) The test was difficult; we studied for weeks.
- B) The test was difficult, and we studied for weeks.
- C) The test was difficult. We studied for weeks.
- D) All of the above are acceptable corrections.



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6. Each of the students must turn in their essay on time if they wants to graduate.
- A) Each of the students must turn in his or her essay on time if they want to graduate.
 - B) Each of the students must turn in their essay on time if they want to graduate.
 - C) Each of the students must turn in his or her essay on time if he or she wants to graduate.
 - D) No change
7. Although I studied hard, but I still failed the driving test.
- A) Although I studied hard, I still failed the driving test.
 - B) I studied hard, although I still failed the driving test.
 - C) Although I studied hard, but still I failed the driving test.
 - D) No change
8. My best friend borrowed my car she returned it with the gas tank on empty.
- A) My best friend borrowed my car, she returned it with the gas tank on empty.
 - B) My best friend borrowed my car, and she returned it with the gas tank on empty.
 - C) My best friend borrowed my car; she returned it with the gas tank on empty.
 - D) Both B and C are correct.
9. The dog barked at the mailman, chased the neighbor's cat, then he run inside for a nap.
- A) The dog barked at the mailman, chased the neighbor's cat, then he ran inside for a nap.
 - B) The dog barked at the mailman and chased the neighbor's cat, then he run inside for a nap.
 - C) The dog barked at the mailman; chased the neighbor's cat; then he run inside for a nap.
 - D) The dog barked at the mailman, chased the neighbor's cat, and then he ran inside for a nap.
10. The group of freshmen was loud, they planning a TikTok dance in the cafeteria.
- A) The group of freshmen were loud; they are planning a TikTok dance in the cafeteria.
 - B) The group of freshmen was loud, they planning a TikTok dance in the cafeteria.
 - C) The group of freshmen was loud; they were planning a TikTok dance in the cafeteria.
 - D) The group of freshmen is loud and they planning a TikTok dance in the cafeteria.



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Answer Key (Set 2)

1. **B** – Fixes run-on with coordinating conjunction.
2. **B** – Closest subject = earbuds (plural) → “work”; “charged.”
3. **B** – Needs semicolon + “doesn’t like.”
4. **A** – Subordinate clause + independent clause.
5. **D** – All listed options correctly fix the comma splice.
6. **C** – Singular “each” → “his or her...he or she wants.”
7. **A** – Drop the extra “but.”
8. **D** – Both B (compound with “and”) and C (semicolon) are correct.
9. **D** – Parallel structure + correct verb tense (“ran”).
10. **C** – Correct subject–verb agreement + verb tense.

