

Exercise on Comma Splices and Fused Sentences

In the following pairs, one sentence is correct; and the other sentence has a comma splice or is a fused sentence. Mark the CORRECT answer.

1. A ____ The computer hummed loudly. The sound was distracting.
B ____ The computer hummed loudly the sound was distracting.

Answer A is correct.

Answer B is incorrect. There are two independent clauses.

2. A ____ Fast-food restaurants are changing, now they offer healthier food choices.
B ____ Fast-food restaurants are changing. Now they offer healthier food choices.

Answer A is incorrect. There are two independent clauses.

Answer B is correct.

3. A ____ Anna wants to teach children, so she will become a first grade teacher.
B ____ Anna wants to teach children she will become a first grade teacher.

Answer A is correct. (If you thought this sentence had a comma splice, remember that you can join two sentences with a comma and a coordinating conjunction.)

Answer B is incorrect. There are two independent clauses.

4. A ____ This coffee is several hours old. It tastes terrible.
B ____ This coffee is several hours old, it tastes terrible.

Answer A correct.

Answer B is incorrect. There are two independent clauses.