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### Extra Writing Skills Practice

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#### Avoiding comma splices and run-on sentences

A. Mark whether each statement is a correct sentence, a comma splice, or a run-on sentence. Follow the directions in parentheses to correct any comma splices or run-on sentences.

1. My sister is two years older than me, we are very different in many ways.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a period.)

2. My son is very playful and full of energy except when it gets to be near his bedtime.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a semi-colon.)

3. My Aunt Sara lived next door when I was growing up we saw her almost every day.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a conjunction.)

4. I met the woman who would become my wife when I was 24 and she was 26.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a period.)

5. My father is one of the most generous people I know however, he can be a bit overprotective.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a semi-colon.)

6. My grandparents lived in a small town in the mountains, their lifestyle was very traditional.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a conjunction.)

7. The first time I saw my daughter in the hospital, I couldn't believe how tiny she was.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a period.)

8. When my brother was a teenager, he was very rude and rebellious we argued all the time.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a semi-colon.)

9. My mother didn't really like cooking so much, she always made us nice, healthy meals.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a conjunction.)

10. Out of all my relatives, I liked my Uncle Bob the best he was always telling jokes.

correct     comma splice     run-on    (If incorrect, use a period.)