

## Sentence Formation: Sentence Combining

Read the underlined sentences. Choose the sentence that best combines these sentences into one.

1. We were late for rehearsal.  
Rehearsals started at 6:00 p.m.
  - A. At 6:00 p.m. we were late for rehearsals.
  - B. We were late for rehearsals which started at 6:00 p.m.
  - C. Rehearsals started at 6:00 p.m. and we were late.
  - D. At 6:00 p.m. rehearsals started and we were late.
  
2. Sammy Sosa plays baseball.  
Derrick Jeeter plays baseball.
  - A. Sammy Sosa and Derrick Jeeter both, play baseball.
  - B. Sammy Sosa is a baseball player; Derrick Jeeter is a baseball player too.
  - C. Sammy Sosa is a baseball player, and Derrick Jeeter is a baseball player.
  - D. Sammy Sosa and Derrick Jeeter are both baseball players.
  
3. I saw a brilliantly colored fish.  
The fish was in the ocean.
  - A. The brilliantly colored fish I saw was in the ocean.
  - B. I saw a brilliantly colored fish, it was in the ocean.
  - C. In the ocean I saw a brilliantly colored fish.
  - D. I saw a brilliantly colored fish in the ocean.
  
4. Miami is in Florida.  
It was nearly destroyed by a hurricane in 1992.  
The hurricane's name was Andrew.
  - A. In 1992 a hurricane named Andrew, nearly destroyed Miami, Florida.
  - B. A hurricane named Andrew, nearly destroyed Miami, Florida in 1992.
  - C. Hurricane Andrew in 1992 nearly destroyed Miami, Florida.
  - D. Miami, Florida was nearly destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.
  
5. Matthew loved animals.  
He had no animals of his own.
  - A. Although Matthew had no animals of his own, he loved them.
  - B. Matthew loved animals but had none of his own.
  - C. Having no animals of his own, Matthew loved animals.
  - D. Matthew loved animals, and he had none of his own.

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6. Robyn is a nurse.  
She is a pediatric nurse.  
She works in a large hospital.
- A. Robyn works in a large hospital, and is a pediatric nurse.
- B. Robyn is a pediatric nurse in a large hospital.
- C. In a large hospital, Robyn works as a pediatric nurse.
- D. As a pediatric nurse, Robyn works in a large hospital.
7. Sarah could not go to the movies.  
She did not do her chores.  
She needed to clean and vacuum her room.
- A. Sarah could not go to the movies because she had not cleaned and vacuumed her room.
- B. Sarah could not go to the movies, and she did not clean and vacuum her room.
- C. Because Sarah did not do her chores, cleaning and vacuuming her room she could not go to the movies.
- D. Sarah could not go to the movies because she did not do her chores, cleaning and vacuuming her room.
8. The job was at Disney World.  
It sounded interesting.  
I decided to apply for the job.
- A. I decided to apply for the job at Disney World that sounded interesting.
- B. The job sounded interesting so I decided to apply for it; it was at Disney World.
- C. The job at Disney World sounded interesting, so I decided to apply for it.
- D. The job sounded interesting at Disney World so I decided to apply for it.
9. I lent Travis a video last week.  
Travis returned the video yesterday.
- A. I lent Travis a video last week, he returned it yesterday.
- B. Travis returned the video I lent him last week yesterday.
- C. Travis returned yesterday the video I lent him last week.
- D. Yesterday, Travis returned the video I lent him last week.

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**10.** The girls went to the movies.  
The girls saw "Nemo."  
They went on Monday.

- A. On Monday the girls went to the movies and saw "Nemo."
- B. The girls saw "Nemo" when they went to the movies on Monday.
- C. When the girls went to the movies on Monday, they saw "Nemo."
- D. The girls went to the movies on Monday, and saw "Nemo."

**11.** Our family went on a vacation.  
We went to the mountains.  
We went in the fall.

- A. Our family went to the mountains on vacation in the fall.
- B. Our family went on a vacation to the mountains in the fall.
- C. In the fall, our family went on a vacation to the mountains.
- D. In the fall our family went to the mountains on a vacation.

**12.** Jean bought a new car.  
The car was red.  
The car was a VW Bug.

- A. The new VW Bug Jean bought was red.
- B. The red VW Bug Jean bought was new.
- C. Jean bought a new red VW Bug.
- D. The new car Jean bought was a red VW Bug.

**13.** The girl loved surfing.  
She loved to surf in Hawaii.  
Hawaii has very large waves.

- A. In Hawaii the girl loved to surf because of the very large waves.
- B. The girl loved surfing in Hawaii because of the very large waves.
- C. Because of the very large waves the girl loved to surf in Hawaii.
- D. Hawaii has very large waves and the girl loved to surf there.

**14.** All of the students did well on the test.  
It was a history test.

- A. All of the students did well on the history test.
- B. On the history test all of the students did well.
- C. The students all did well on the history test.
- D. All of the students on the history test did well.

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15. We went on a cruise.

Our cruise was to Mexico.

We had a lot of fun on our cruise.

- A. On our cruise we went to Mexico and had a lot of fun.
- B. We had a lot of fun on our cruise to Mexico.
- C. Our cruise was to Mexico and we had a lot of fun.
- D. Our cruise to Mexico was a lot of fun.

16. I bought a dress at the store.

It did not fit me.

I took it back to the store.

- A. I bought a dress that did not fit so I took it back to the store.
- B. I took back to the store the dress I bought that did not fit.
- C. The dress I bought did not fit, so I took it back to the store.
- D. The dress I bought I took back top the store because it did not fit.

17. He went to high school.

He was a very good athlete.

He played football and basketball.

- A. He played football and basketball in high school and was a very good athlete.
- B. In high school he was a very good athlete playing both football and basketball.
- C. He was a very good athlete in high school playing both football and basketball.
- D. Playing both football and basketball in high school, he was a very good athlete.

18. I attend a community college.

I am eighteen years old.

I am a freshman.

- A. I am an eighteen-year-old freshman attending community college.
- B. I am a freshman attending community college and I am eighteen years old.
- C. I am eighteen years old attending community college as a freshman.
- D. I attend community as a freshman and I am eighteen years old.

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19. Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain.

He had three ships.

The names of the ships were the Pinta, Nina and the Santa Maria.

- A. The three ships Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain with were the Pinta, Nina and Santa Maria.
- B. The Pinta, Nina and Santa Maria were the three ships Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain with.
- C. Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain with three ships, the Pinta, Nina and Santa Maria.
- D. Christopher Columbus had three ships the Pinta, Nina and Santa Maria when he set sail from Spain.

20. Our Learning Lab offers tutoring.

We offer math and language tutoring.

We also offer tutoring for Spanish.

- A. Math, language and Spanish is the tutoring our Learning Lab offers.
- B. Our Learning Lab offers tutoring for math, language and Spanish.
- C. Tutoring in our Learning Lab consists of math, language and Spanish.
- D. Tutoring is offered in our Learning Lab for math, language and Spanish.

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### Answer Key

1. B
2. D
3. B
4. D
5. B
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. A
11. C
12. C
13. B
14. A
15. D
16. C
17. B
18. A
19. C
20. B