

COMMON SENTENCE PROBLEMS WORKSHEET #1

EXERCISE

Identify the following groups of words as:

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| (C) | Correct sentence | (RO) | Run-On sentence |
| (CS) | Comma splice | (SF) | Sentence fragment |

1. Biltmore House, built by George W. Vanderbilt. SF
2. The college-survey results indicate a moderate increase in business majors for next year. C
3. The telephone rang several times no one answered. RO
4. To satisfy Dr. Finley is almost impossible, however, students love to take his classes. CS
5. What the little boy said is not completely true. C
6. Our family reunion will be next month I will be unable to attend. RO
7. Charles's hypothesis, which has absolutely no known foundation. SF
8. In Alaska telephone and television services are far less common. C
9. As other countries become more proficient in science and technology.
10. On the first day of the tour we visited the Capitol, we spent the second day at Smithsonian.
11. Kyle stays in the nursery while his parents work. C
12. Designers are seeking new ways to increase the speed of computers. C
13. A full, scientific understanding of the origin of the species. SF
14. We checked all the doors and windows and then turned off the lights before we left, when we got home, a light was on upstairs. CS
15. The guests threw bird seed at the bride and groom because both are avid bird watchers. C
16. This mahogany table has been in our family for over a hundred years it was built by my great-grandfather. RO
17. Diane explained the various periods of art to us we listened intently. RO
18. Where the rainbow ends is a pot of gold. C

19. Because she came from a family of preachers. Sue was comfortable with preachers. SF
20. The strength of great universities lies in the humanities. C