

RUN-ON SENTENCES AND COMMA SPLICES WORKSHEET #1

EXERCISE

In the blanks provided, indicate whether the following sentences are correct (C) or contain a comma splice (CS) or a run-on (R-0).

Example: Red is my favorite color I don't like purple.

run-on _____

1. Some people know very early in life what they want to do with their life, others never know. CS _____

2. One Nobel Prize winner knew by age ten that he wanted to be a scientist.
C _____

3. Some people change majors several times before they find a profession they like some know their chosen field right from the start of their college education. RO _____

4. Many people choose not to go to college, they prefer to get a job right out of high school. CS _____

5. Mary, a cousin of mine, is still in college at age fifty she says she doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up. RO _____

6. Allan, a nephew of mine, wants to be a professional student; he already has two master's degrees and a doctorate and is pursuing still another master's. C _____

7. In addition, some people spend a lifetime doing something they really aren't happy doing by the time they realize they are in the wrong field, it may be too late to change.
RO _____

8. Satisfaction with one's chosen career is very important, choosing the right career is not always easy. CS _____

9. There are computerized career services, as well as other guidance counselors, available for those who need help, it is up to each person to seek help, though. CS _____

10. One can waste a great deal of valuable time choosing a career by the common trial and error method it would be much wiser for each individual to seek professional help in selecting the right career. RO _____

11. On the first day of the tour we visited the Capitol, we spent the second day at the Smithsonian Institute. CS _____

12. Even though I did not feel very well today, I went to my morning classes I cut my afternoon English class. RO _____

13. That the sun always rises is a true statement. C _____

14. Carole has been in the hospital for more than an week, I hope the doctors will be able to determine what is wrong with her. CS_____

15. Although the weather is unusually stormy this spring, spring usually is our wettest season. C_____

16. Working for sixty hours a week is not unusual for him in fact, some weeks he works more than seventy hours. RO_____

17. Kimberly explained her project to us we carefully listened. RO_____

18. Connor squealed happily as the other children danced around him. C_____