

FUSED AND RUN-ON SENTENCES EXERCISE #1

Indicate F for a fused (or run-on sentence) or C for a correct sentence. If the sentence is a fused sentence, rewrite the sentence to correct the concern.

__F__ 1. Snakes are very interesting creatures; snakes have many different defining characteristics.

__F__ 2. Many people cringe at the sight of snakes, **while** others are very fond of snakes.

_ C__ 3. A person who studies snakes and other reptiles is a herpetologist.

__F__ 4. Herpetologists study snakes out of a fondness for these creatures; they also study snakes because of their important contributions to the larger ecosystem.

__F__ 5. Herpetologists study amphibians as well. **A**mphibians include frogs, salamanders, toads, and newts.

__F__ 6. Reptiles include snakes, turtles, crocodiles, and lizards; it is interesting that turtles are considered reptiles.

__C__ 7. However, turtles have reptilian characteristics, such as protective armor and ectothermic temperature control.

__F__ 8. Ectothermic means that they are essentially coldblooded; this description is a simplification though.

__F__ 9. Back to snakes, snakes are long legless reptiles, **and** while they do not have shells they have scales which overlap.

__F__ 10. As you might know, snakes may be venomous or non-venomous; it simply depends on the snake.

__F__ 11. Venomous or not, snakes may be dangerous for other reasons. **S**ome snakes have squeeze their prey.

__C__ 12. The ensuing suffocation of the "squeeze" may cause death to some smaller and larger creatures.

__C__ 13. With regard to venom, some snakes are only slightly venomous while others are highly venomous.

__F__ 14. But, forget about venom, aggression is an important consideration. **W**ith snakes some snakes are very aggressive while others are very placid.