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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.

1. Snakes are very interesting creatures snakes have many different defining characteristics.
2. Many people cringe at the sight of snakes others are very fond of snakes.
3. A person who studies snakes and other reptiles is a herpetologist.
4. Herpetologists study snakes out of a fondness for these creatures they also study snakes because of their important contributions to the larger ecosystem.
5. Herpetologists study amphibians as well amphibians include frogs, salamanders, toads, and newts.
6. Reptiles include snakes, turtles, crocodiles, and lizards it is interesting that turtles are considered reptiles.
7. However, turtles have reptilian characteristics, such as protective armor and ectothermic temperature control.
8. Ectothermic means that they are essentially cold-blooded this description is a simplification though.

9. Back to snakes, snakes are long legless reptiles while they do not have shells they have scales which overlap.
10. As you might know, snakes may be venomous or non-venomous it simply depends on the snake.
11. Venomous or not, snakes may be dangerous for other reasons some snakes have to squeeze their prey.
12. The ensuing suffocation of the "squeeze" may cause death to some smaller and larger creatures.
13. With regard to venom, some snakes are only slightly venomous while others are highly venomous.
14. But, forget about venom, aggression is an important consideration with snakes some snakes are very aggressive while others are very placid.